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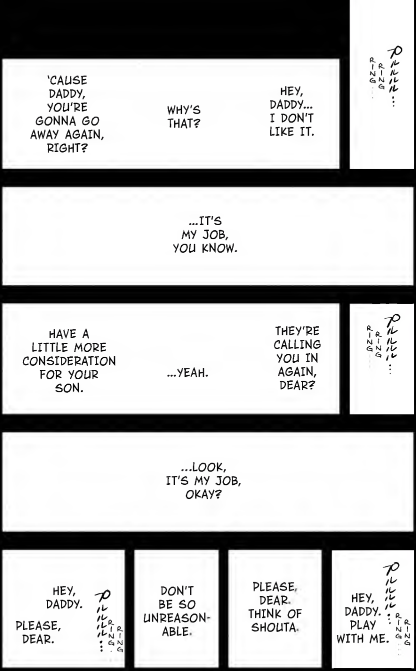
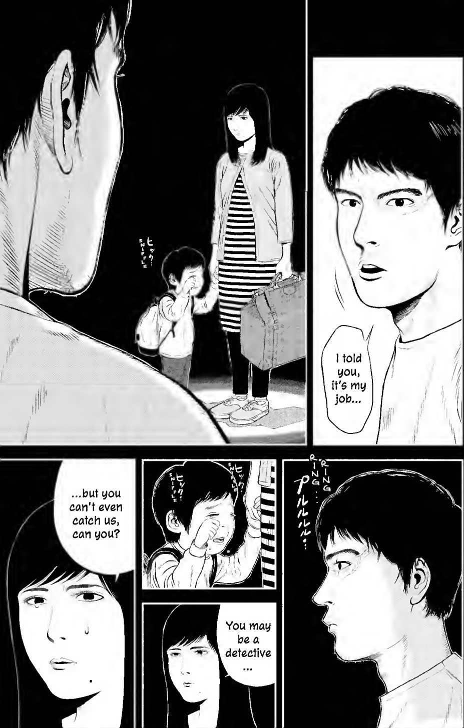
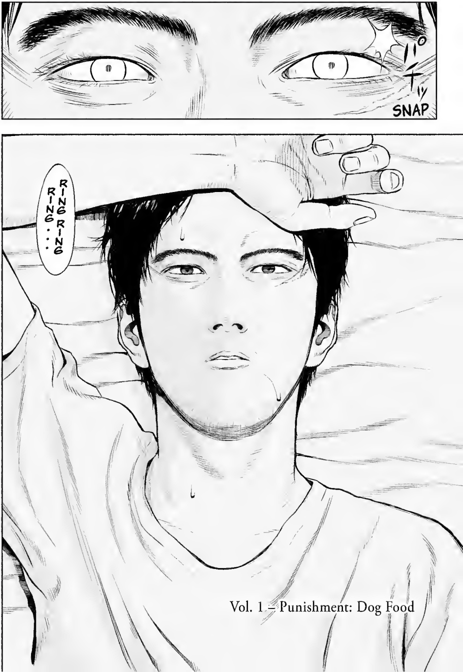
VIGILANTISM
(NOUN):
WHEN PRIVATE
INDIVIDUALS
TAKE IT UPON
THEMSELVES
TO CARRY OUT
PUNISHMENT
OF A CRIMINAL
WITHOUT DUE
PROCESS
OF LAW.


プルルル…
RING RING…
HEY, DADDY... I DON'T LIKE IT.
WHY'S THAT?
'CAUSE DADDY, YOU'RE GONNA GO AWAY AGAIN, RIGHT?
...IT'S MY JOB, YOU KNOW.
プルルル…
RING RING…
THEY'RE CALLING YOU IN AGAIN, DEAR?
...YEAH.
HAVE A LITTLE MORE CONSIDERATION FOR YOUR SON.
...LOOK, IT'S MY JOB, OKAY?
プルルル…
RING RING…
HEY, DADDY. PLAY WITH ME.
PLEASE, DEAR. THINK OF SHOUTA.
DON'T BE SO UNREASONABLE.
プルルル…
RING RING…
HEY, DADDY.
PLEASE, DEAR.


I told you, it's my job...
SNIFFLE ヒック…
RING RING... プルルルル…
SNIFFLE ヒック… SNIFFLE ヒック…
You may be a detective ...
...but you can't even catch us, can you?


パチッ
SNAP
RING RING RING...

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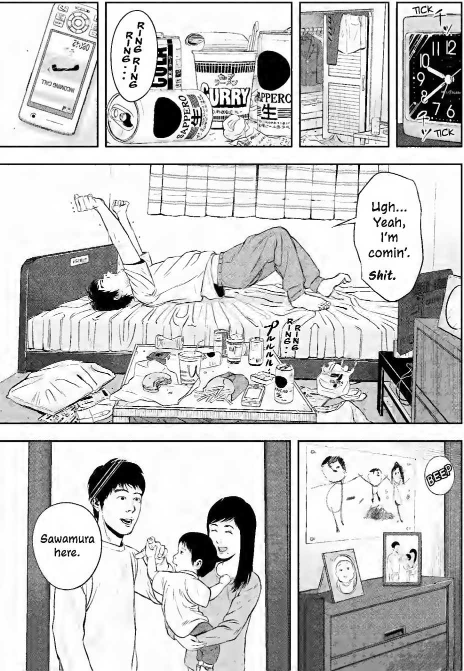
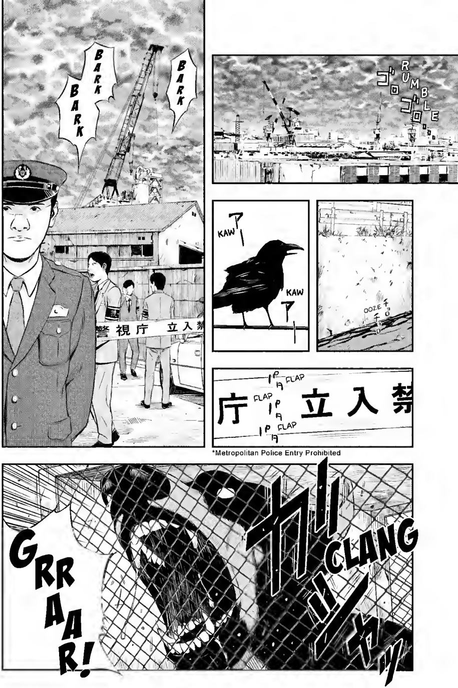
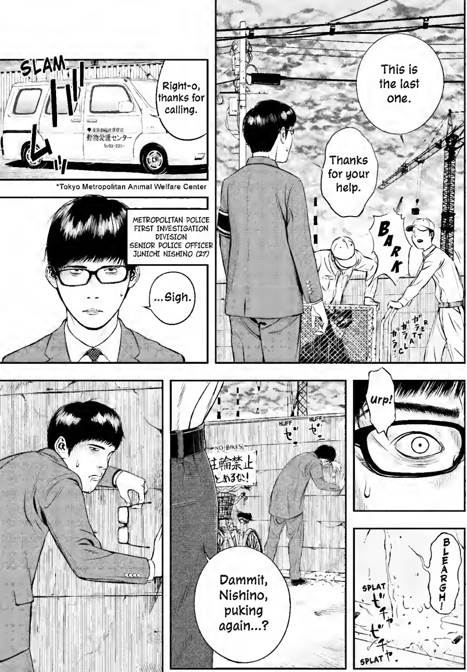

TICK
TICK
RING RING RING...
INCOMING CALL
Ugh... Yeah, I'm comin'.
Shit.
RING RING...
プルルルル...
BEEP
Sawamura here.

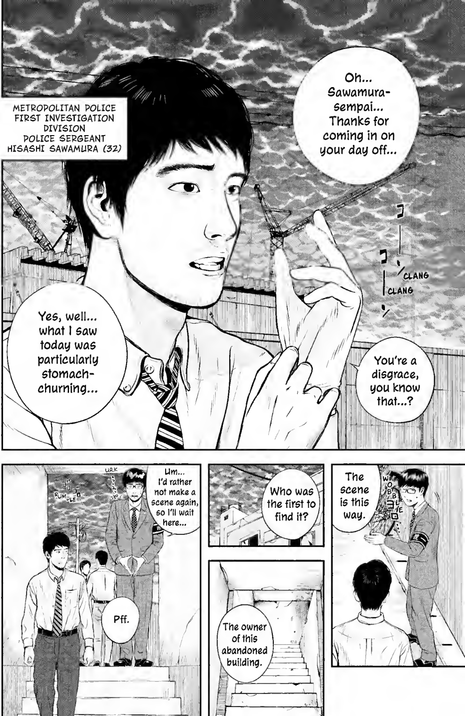

RUMBLE
ゴロゴロ
OOZE
チョロチョロ
KAW
アー
KAW
アー
庁 立入禁
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
BARK
BARK
BARK
警視庁 立入禁
GRRAAR!
CLANG
ガシャッ

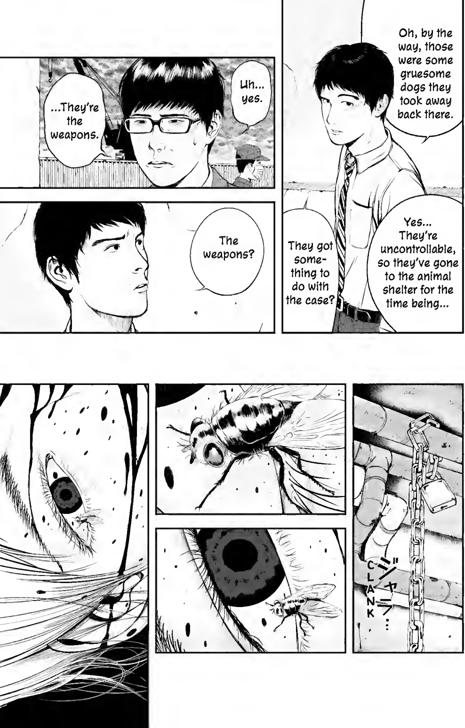
*Metropolitan Police Entry Prohibited

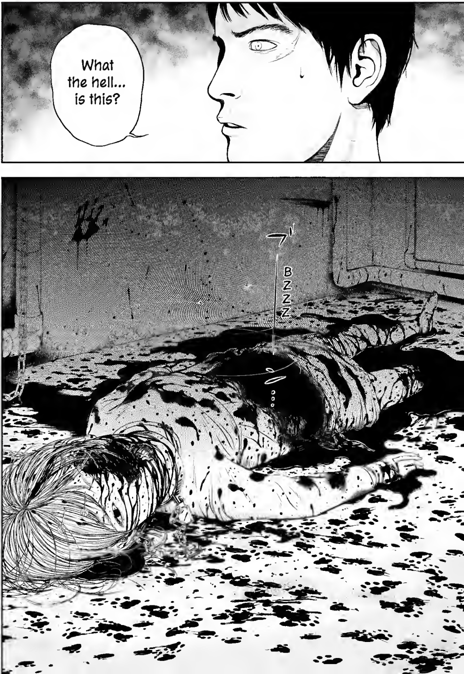


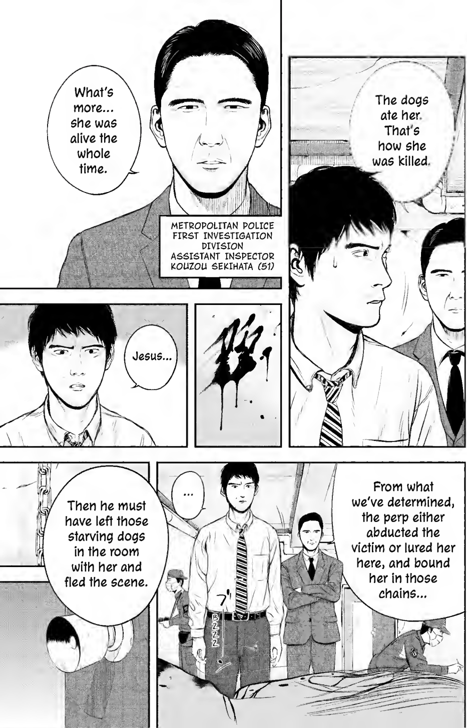
This is the last one.
Thanks for your help.
BARK
CLATTER
SLAM
Right-o, thanks for calling.
東京都福祉保健局 動物愛護センター
Tel 03-225-
METROPOLITAN POLICE FIRST INVESTIGATION DIVISION SENIOR POLICE OFFICER JUNICHI NISHINO (27)
...Sigh.
urp!
BLEARGH!
SPLAT
SPLAT
HUFF
HUFF
NO BIKES!
駐輪禁止 とめるな!
Dammit, Nishino, puking again...?

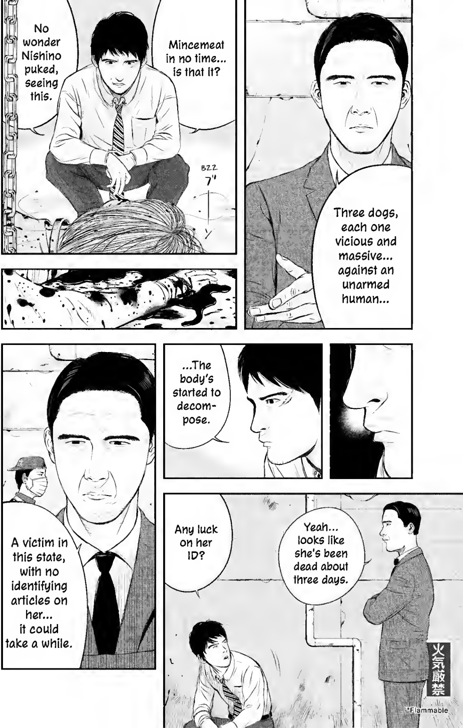
*Tokyo Metropolitan Animal Welfare Center

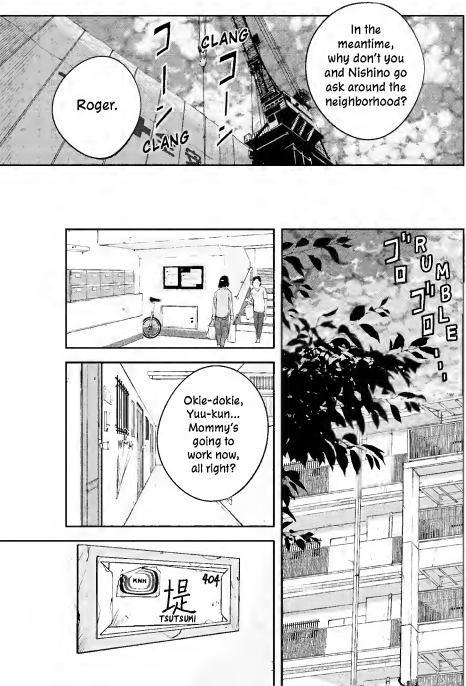

METROPOLITAN POLICE FIRST INVESTIGATION DIVISION POLICE SERGEANT HISASHI SAWAMURA (32)
Oh... Sawamura-sempai... Thanks for coming in on your day off...
CLANG CLANG
You're a disgrace, you know that...?
Yes, well... what I saw today was particularly stomach-churning...
The scene is this way.
WOBBLE
Who was the first to find it?
The owner of this abandoned building.
URK
RUMBLE
Um... I'd rather not make a scene again, so I'll wait here...
Pff.

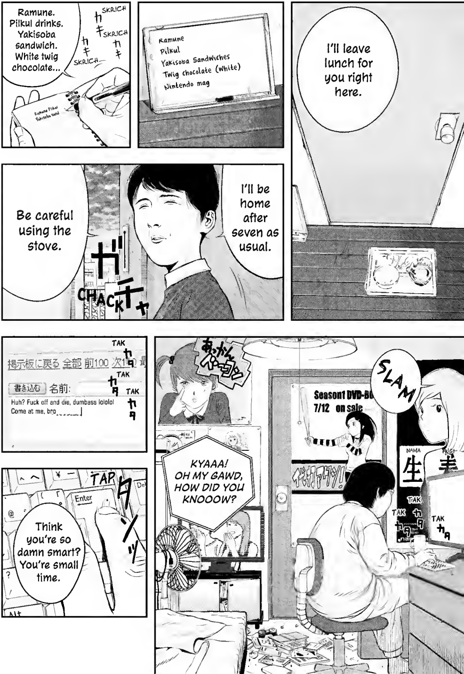

Oh, by the way, those were some gruesome dogs they took away back there.
Yes... They're uncontrollable, so they've gone to the animal shelter for the time being...
They got something to do with the case?
Uh... yes.
...They're the weapons.
The weapons?
ジャラ…
CLANK

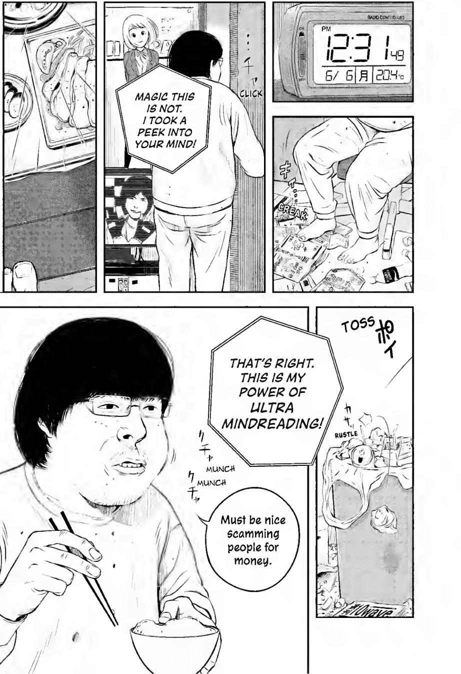

What the hell... is this?
ブ
BZZZ

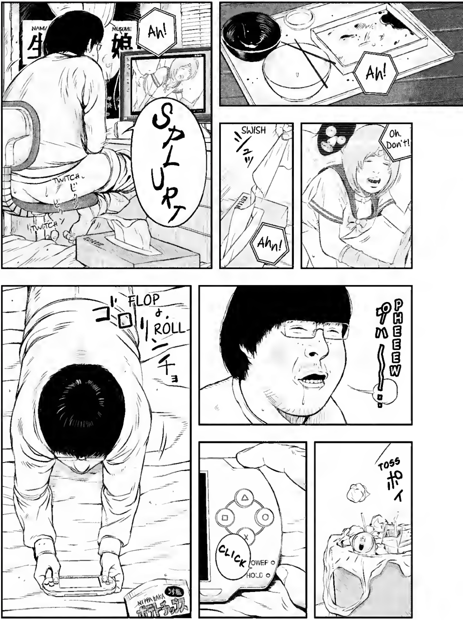

The dogs ate her. That's how she was killed.
What's more... she was alive the whole time.
METROPOLITAN POLICE FIRST INVESTIGATION DIVISION ASSISTANT INSPECTOR KOUZOU SEKIHATA (51)
Jesus...
From what we've determined, the perp either abducted the victim or lured her here, and bound her in those chains...
...
BZZZ
Then he must have left those starving dogs in the room with her and fled the scene.

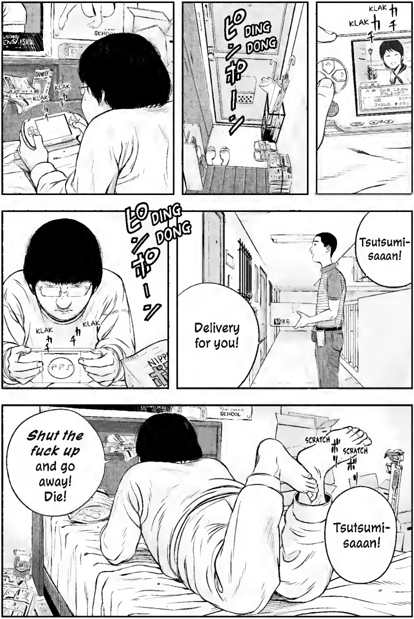

No wonder Nishino puked, seeing this.
Mincemeat in no time... is that it?
BZZ
Three dogs, each one vicious and massive... against an unarmed human...
...The body's started to decompose.
Yeah... looks like she's been dead about three days.
Any luck on her ID?
A victim in this state, with no identifying articles on her... it could take a while.
火気厳禁
*Flammable

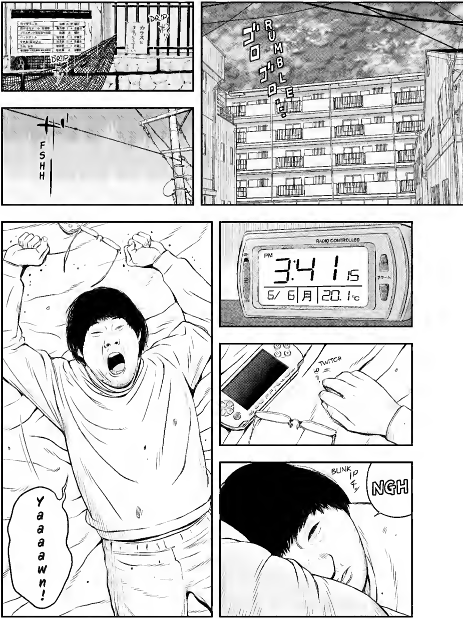

In the meantime, why don't you and Nishino go ask around the neighborhood?
コーン
CLANG
コーン
CLANG
Roger.
ゴロゴロ…
RUMBLE…
Okie-dokie, Yuu-kun… Mommy's going to work now, all right?
KNH
404
堤
TSUTSUMI

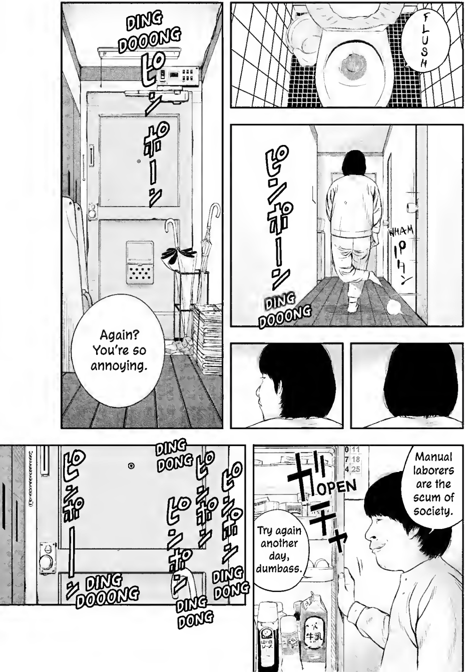

I'll leave lunch for you right here.
Ramune
Pilkul
Yakisoba Sandwiches
Twig chocolate (White)
Nintendo mag
Ramune. Pilkul drinks. Yakisoba sandwich. White twig chocolate...
SKRICH
SKRICH
SKRICH
Ramune Pilkul Yakisoba sand
I'll be home after seven as usual.
Be careful using the stove.
CHACK
SLAM
Season1 DVD-BO
7/12 on sale
NAMA
生
KYAAA! OH MY GAWD, HOW DID YOU KNOOOW?
TAK
TAK
TAK
掲示板に戻る 全部 前100 次1
書き込む 名前:
Huh? Fuck off and die, dumbass lololol
Come at me, bro
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAP
Enter
Think you're so damn smart? You're small time.

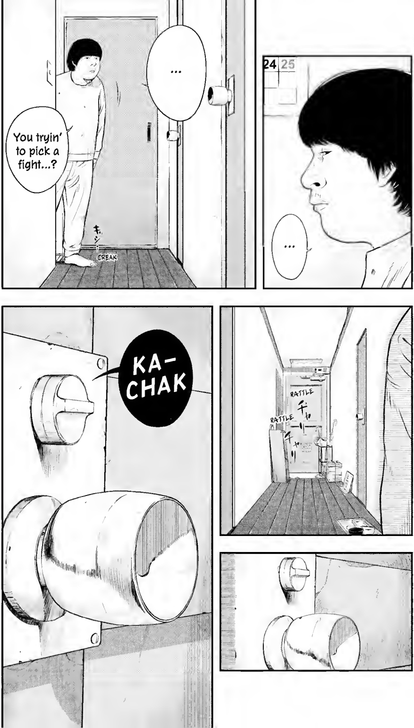

RADIO CONTROLLED
PM
12:31 49
6/ 6 月 20.4°c
キィ
CREAK
…チャ
CLICK
MAGIC THIS IS NOT. I TOOK A PEEK INTO YOUR MIND!
TOSS ポイ
カサッ
RUSTLE
THAT'S RIGHT. THIS IS MY POWER OF ULTRA MINDREADING!
クチャ
MUNCH
クチャ
MUNCH
Must be nice scamming people for money.

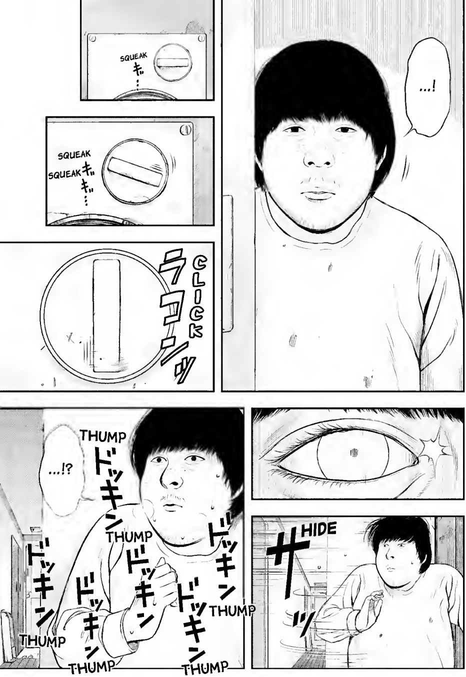

Ah!
NAMA 生
MUSUME 娘
Ah!
SPLURT
TWITCH ビク
ビクン TWITCH
Oh. Don't!
SWISH シュッ
Ahn!
PHEEEW ぷはーー!!
FLOP & ROLL ゴロリンチョ
TOSS ポイ
CLICK
POWER
HOLD
NIPPA BAKA うす塩 ポテトチップス

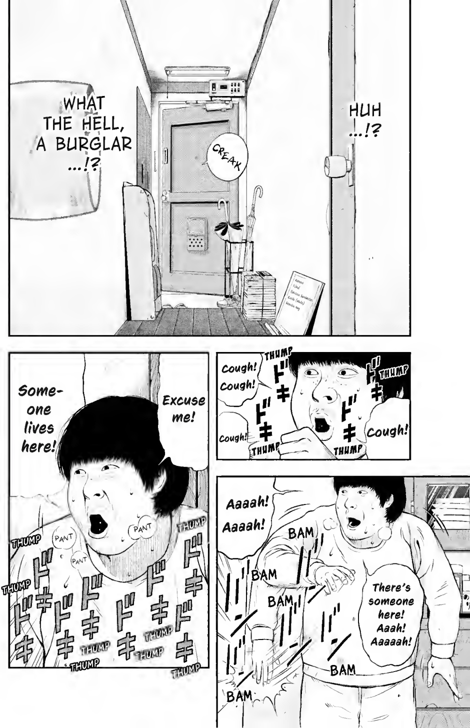

KLAK カ KLAK チ
KLAK カ チ
じゃあ これから どうしようか？
公園 カラオケ
ファミレス ▶ホテル
ピンポーン DING DONG
KLAK カ KLAK チ
SCHOOL
Tsutsumi-saaan!
Delivery for you!
ピンポーン DING DONG
KLAK カチ KLAK カ
Tsutsumi-saaan!
Shut the fuck up and go away! Die!
SCRATCH ボリ SCRATCH ボリ
SCHOOL

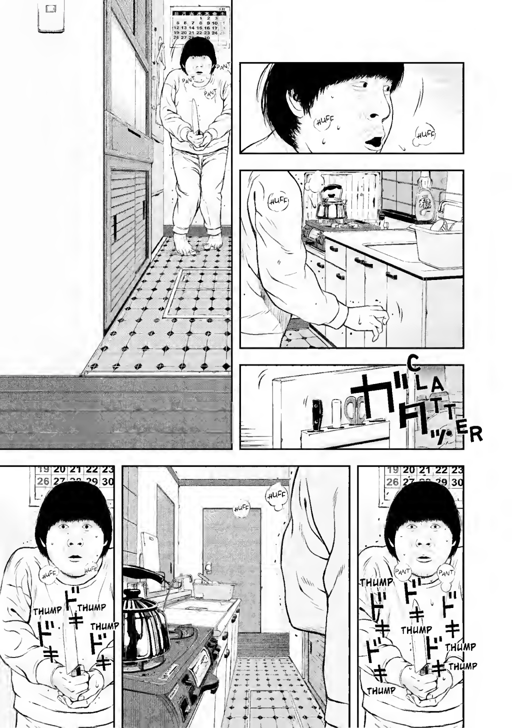

ゴロ ゴロ
RUMBLE
DRIP
ポツ
DRIP
カラスに
FSHH
RADIO CONTROLLED
PM 3:41 15
6/ 6 月 20.1℃
アラーム
TWITCH
BLINK
NGH
Yaaaawn!


FLUSH
DING DOOONG
ピンポーン
Again? You're so annoying.
ピンポーン
DING DOOONG
WHAM
パタン
ガチャ
OPEN
Manual laborers are the scum of society.
Try again another day, dumbass.
ピンポーン
DING DOOONG
ピンポン
DING DONG
ピンポン
DING DONG
ピンポン
DING DONG


24 25
...
...
You tryin' to pick a fight...?
キシ
CREAK
RATTLE
チャリ
RATTLE
チャリ
KA-CHAK


...!
SQUEAK
キ
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
キ
キ
CLICK
ラコンッ
...!?
THUMP
ドッキン
THUMP
ドッキン
ドッキン
ドッキン
ドッキン
ドッキン
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
HIDE
サッ


HUH ...!?
CREAK
WHAT THE HELL, A BURGLAR ...!?
THUMP
ドキ
THUMP
ドキ
Cough! Cough!
Cough!
Cough!
THUMP
ドキ
THUMP
ドキ
Excuse me!
Someone lives here!
PANT
PANT
PANT
THUMP
ドキ
THUMP
ドキ
THUMP
ドキ
THUMP
ドキ
THUMP
ドキ
THUMP
ドキ
Aaaah! Aaaah!
BAM
バン
BAM
バン
BAM
バン
There's someone here! Aaah! Aaaaah!
BAM
BAM


HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
ガタッ
CLATTER
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
HUFF
ドキドキドキドキ
THUMP
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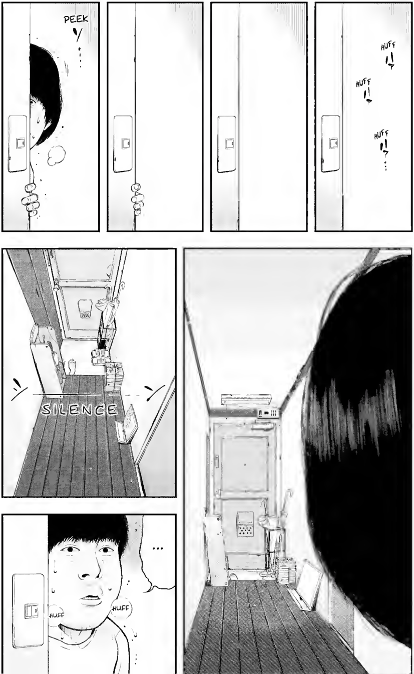
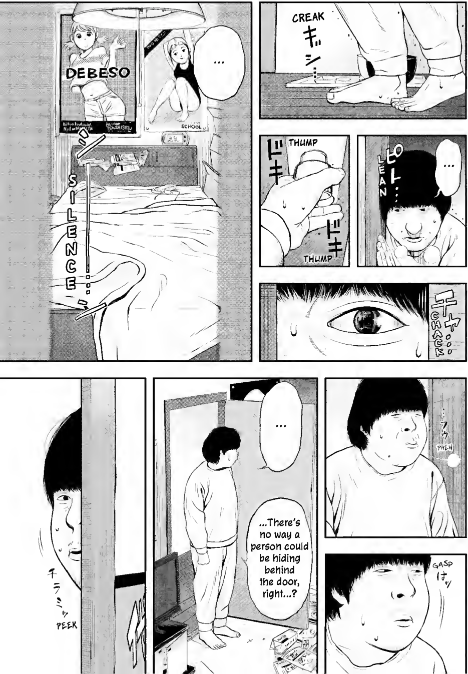
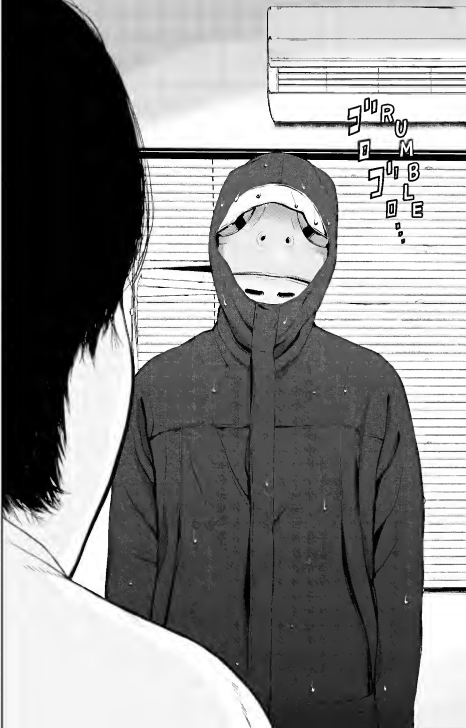
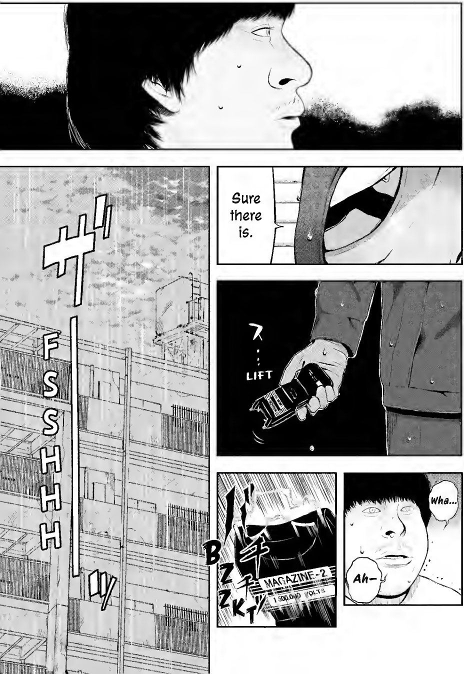
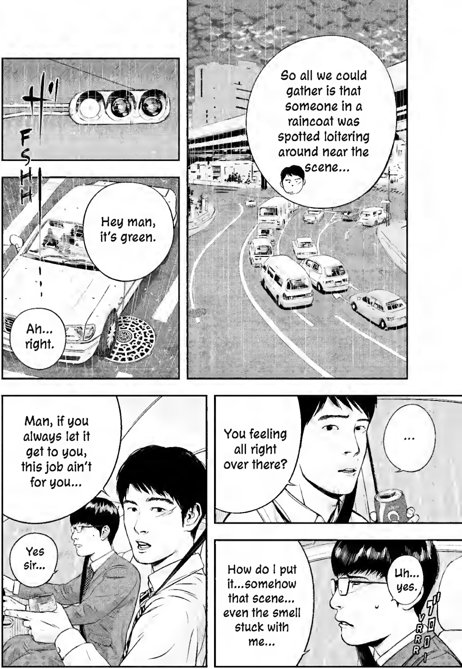
HUFF
ドキドキドキドキ
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

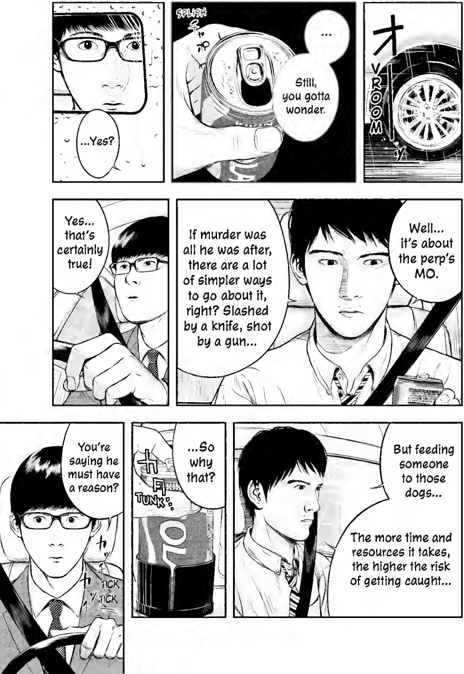

PEEK
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
SILENCE
...
HUFF
HUFF

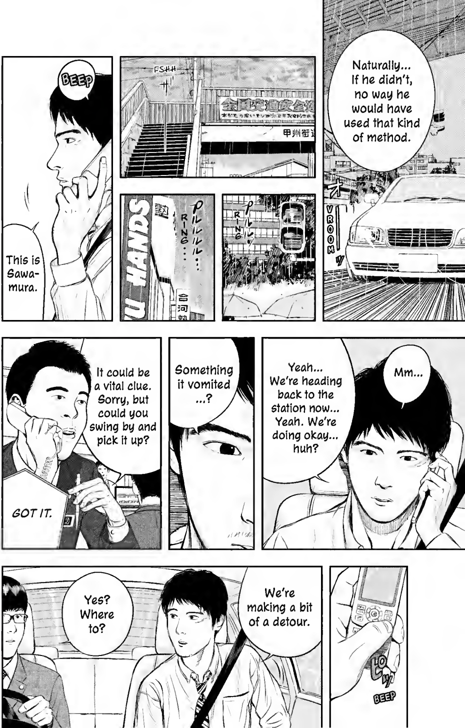

CREAK
ギシ
…
ピト…
LEAN
ドキ
THUMP
ドキ
THUMP
チャ…
CHACK
…
DEBESO
TENGAISEIJU
SCHOOL
シーン…
SILENCE
…フウ
PHEW
…
...There's no way a person could be hiding behind the door, right...?
はッ
GASP
チラミッ
PEEK

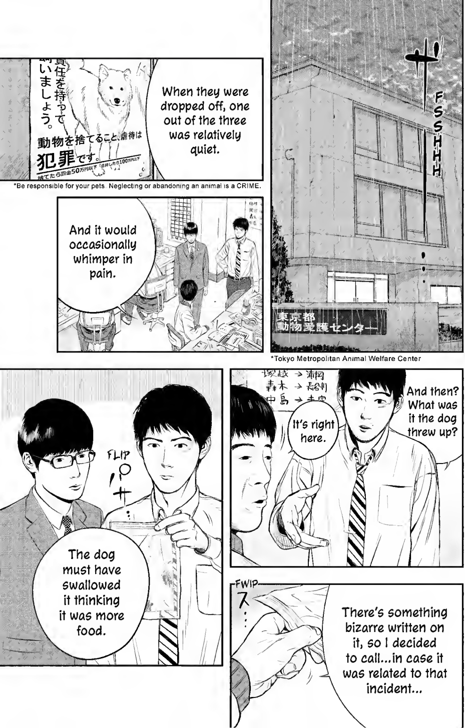

ゴロ
RUMBLE
ゴロ…


Sure there is.
ス
LIFT
Wha...
Ah-
バチチッ
BZZKT
MAGAZINE-2
1 500,000 VOLTS
ザーッ
FSSHHH


So all we could gather is that someone in a raincoat was spotted loitering around near the scene...
FSHH
Hey man, it's green.
Ah... right.
...
You feeling all right over there?
Uh... yes.
How do I put it...somehow that scene... even the smell stuck with me...
VRRR
Man, if you always let it get to you, this job ain't for you...
Yes sir...

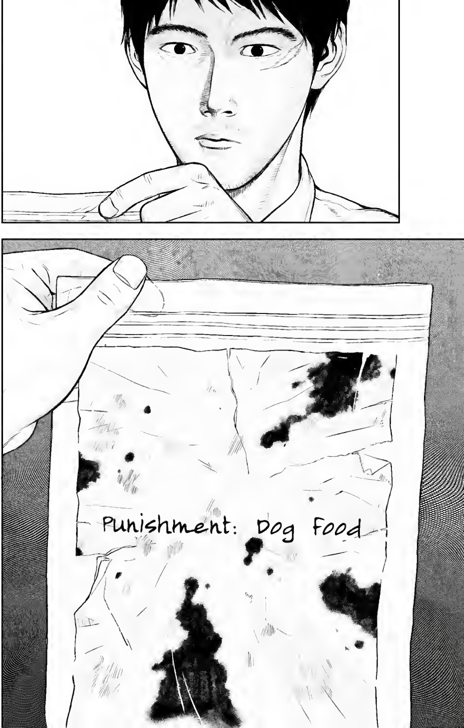

VROOM
SPLISH
...
Still, you gotta wonder.
...Yes?
Well... it's about the perp's MO.
If murder was all he was after, there are a lot of simpler ways to go about it, right? Slashed by a knife, shot by a gun...
Yes... that's certainly true!
But feeding someone to those dogs...
The more time and resources it takes, the higher the risk of getting caught...
...So why that?
TUNK
You're saying he must have a reason?
TICK
TICK

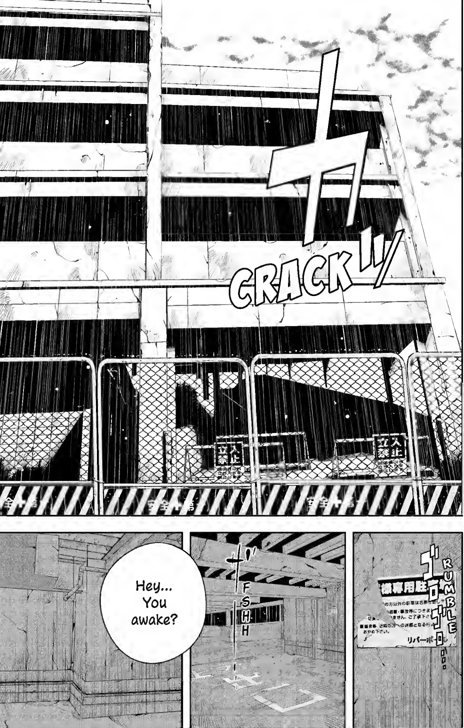

Naturally... If he didn't, no way he would have used that kind of method.
VROOM
FSHH
全国交通安全
甲州街
プルル
RING
プルルルル…
RING...
HANDS
BEEP
This is Sawamura.
Mm...
Yeah... We're heading back to the station now... Yeah. We're doing okay... huh?
Something it vomited ...?
It could be a vital clue. Sorry, but could you swing by and pick it up?
GOT IT.
LOCK
BEEP
We're making a bit of a detour.
Yes? Where to?

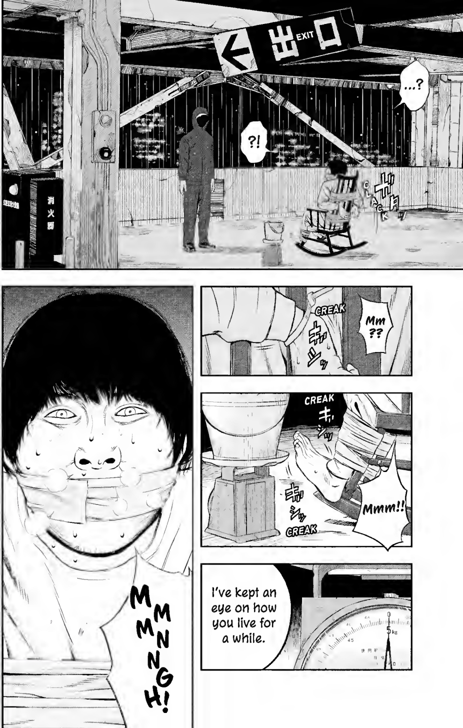

ザ
FSSHHH
東京都
動物愛護センター
責任を持って
飼いましょう。
動物を捨てること、虐待は
犯罪です。
捨てたら罰金50万円以下「虐待したら100万円以下」
When they were dropped off, one out of the three was relatively quiet.
And it would occasionally whimper in pain.
And then? What was it the dog threw up?
It's right here.
塚越 → 浦岡
森木 → 長谷川
中島 → 未定
FWIP
ス
There's something bizarre written on it, so I decided to call...in case it was related to that incident...
FLIP
パサ
The dog must have swallowed it thinking it was more food.

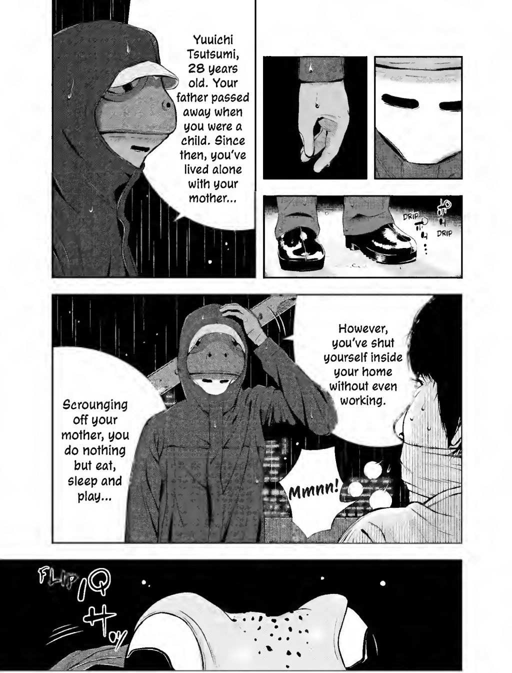
*Be responsible for your pets. Neglecting or abandoning an animal is a CRIME.

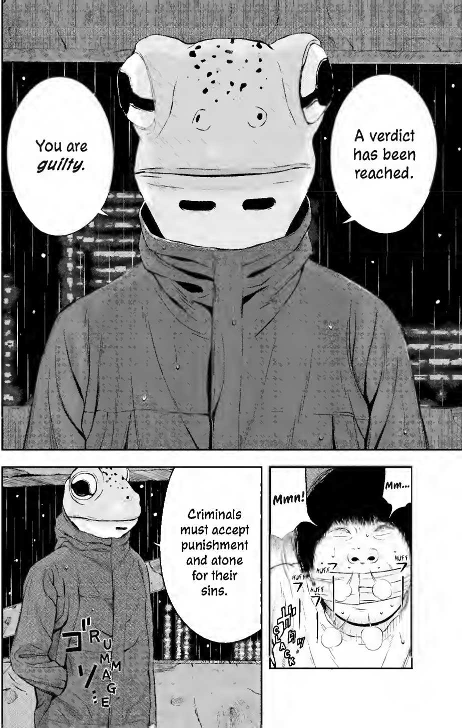
*Tokyo Metropolitan Animal Welfare Center

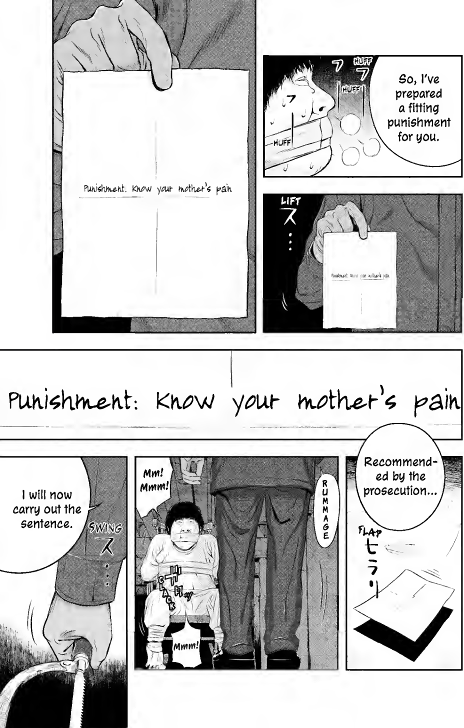

Punishment: Dog Food

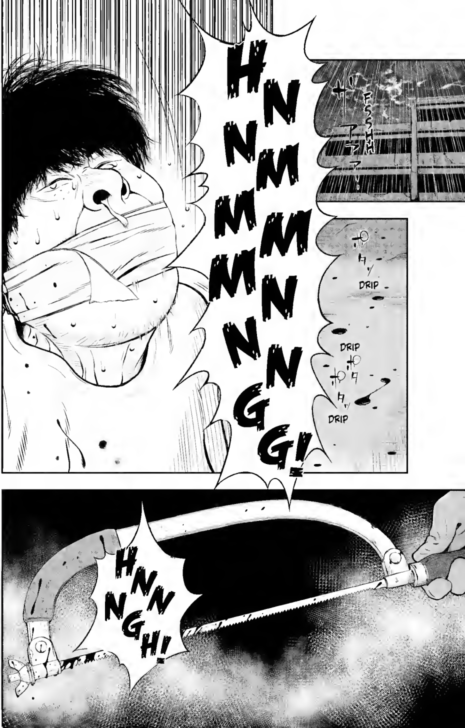

CRACK
立入禁止
安全第一
RUMBLE
FSHH
Hey... You awake?

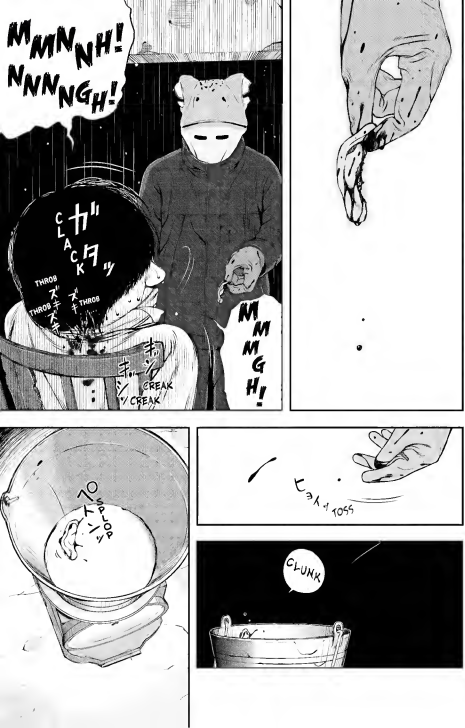

出口 EXIT
…?
?!
CLACK
ガタッ
消火器
Mm ??
CREAK
ギシッ
CREAK
ギシッ
Mmm!!
ギシッ
CREAK
I've kept an eye on how you live for a while.
MMMNNGH!

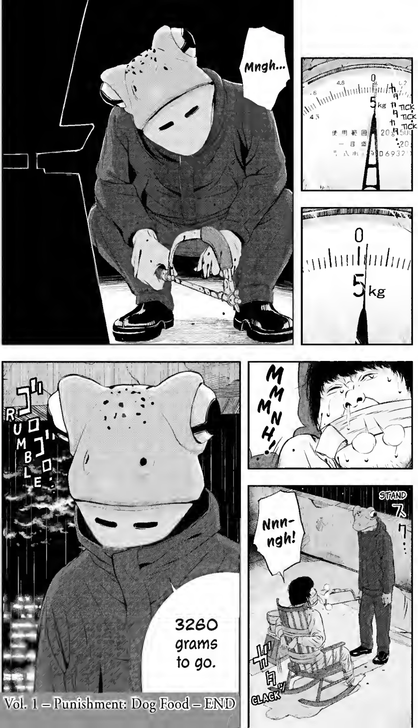

DRIP
DRIP
Yuuichi Tsutsumi, 28 years old. Your father passed away when you were a child. Since then, you've lived alone with your mother...
However, you've shut yourself inside your home without even working.
Scrounging off your mother, you do nothing but eat, sleep and play...
Mmnn!
FLIP


A verdict has been reached.
You are *guilty*.
Mm...
Mmn!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
CLACK
Criminals must accept punishment and atone for their sins.
RUMMAGE


HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
So, I've prepared a fitting punishment for you.
LIFT
Punishment. Know your mother's pain
Punishment. Know your mother's pain
Punishment: Know your mother's pain
Recommended by the prosecution...
FLAP
RUMMAGE
Mm! Mmm!
CLACK
Mmm!
I will now carry out the sentence.
SWING


ザァァァ…
FSSHHH
ポタッ
DRIP
DRIP
ポタ
ポタッ
DRIP
HNNMMMMNNNGG!
HNNNGH!


MMNNH! NNNNGH!
CLACK ガタッ
THROB ズキ THROB ズキ
THROB ズキ THROB ズキ
ギシ CREAK
ギシッ CREAK
MMMGH!
ヒョイッ TOSS
CLUNK
ペトンッ SPLOP


0
5kg
カタカタ
TICK TICK TICK
使用範囲
一目盛
Mngh...
0
5kg
MMMNH!
スク…
STAND
Nnn-ngh!
ガタッ
CLACK
ゴロゴロ…
RUMBLE
3260 grams to go.

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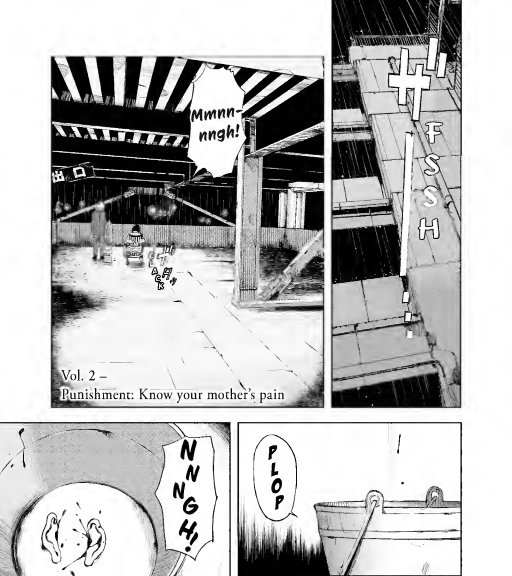
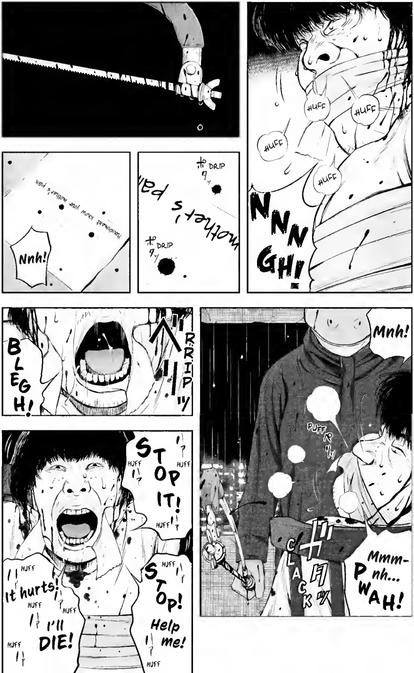
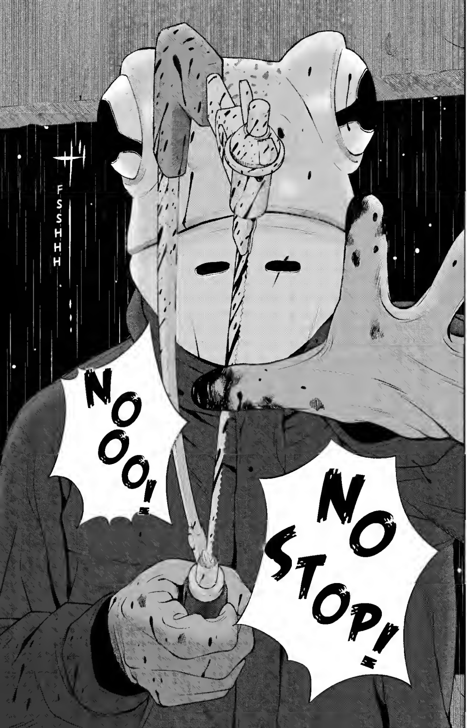
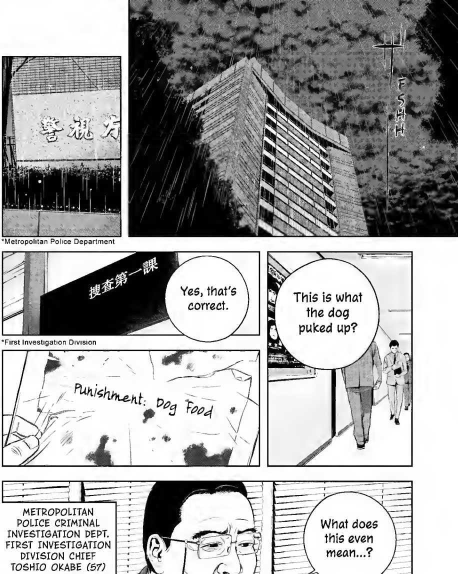


FSSH
Mmmnn-nngh!
出口
ACK
PLOP
NNNGH!
5kg
TICK
TICK
TICK

Vol. 2 –
Punishment: Know your mother's pain


HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
NNNGHI
DRIP
DRIP
mother's pain
Punishment know your mother's pain
Nnh!
Mnh!
PUFF
R
CLACK
Mmm-nh...
PWAH!
RRIP
BLEGH!
STOP IT!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
STOP!
HUFF
Help me!
HUFF
It hurts!
HUFF
HUFF
I'll DIE!
HUFF
HUFF

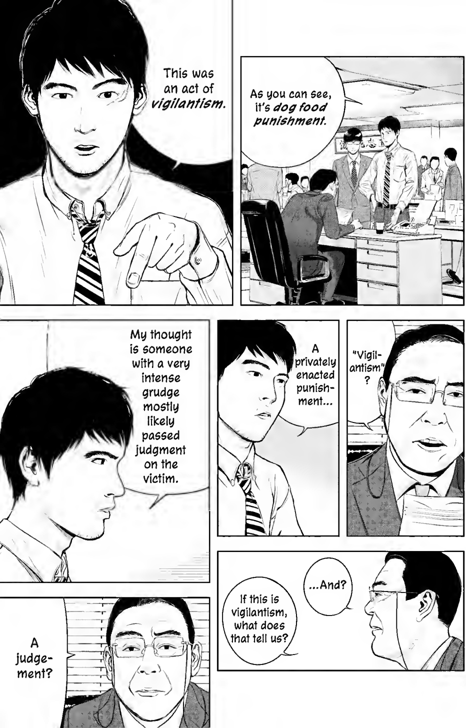

FSSHHH
NO STOP!
NOOO!

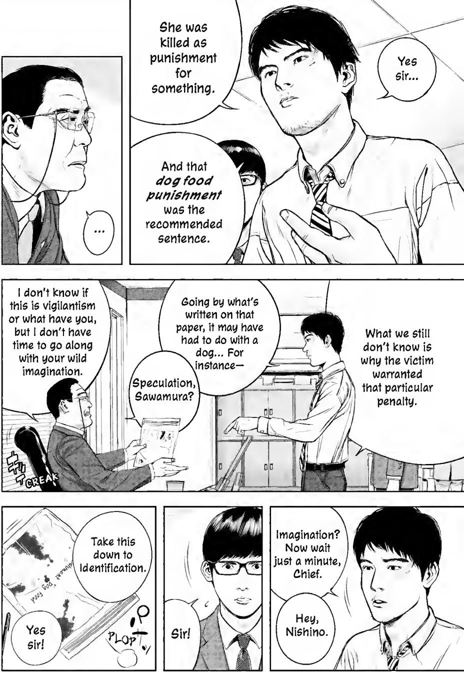


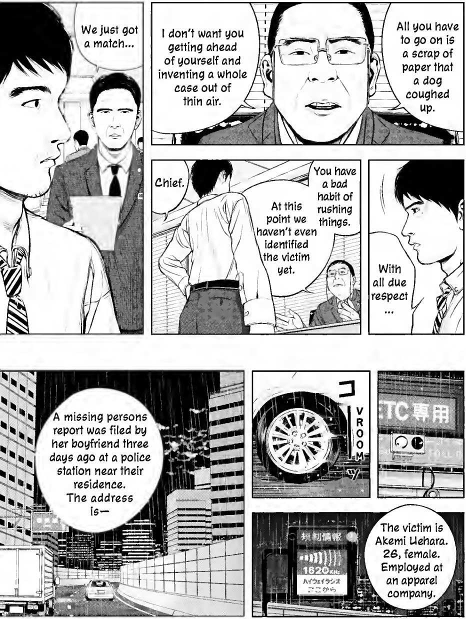
*Metropolitan Police Department

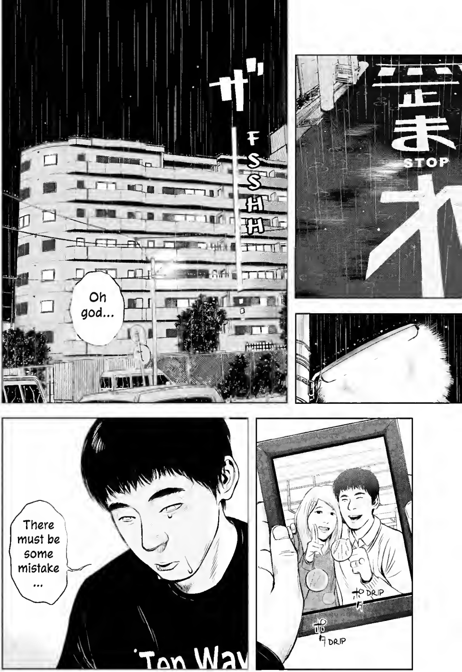
*First Investigation Division

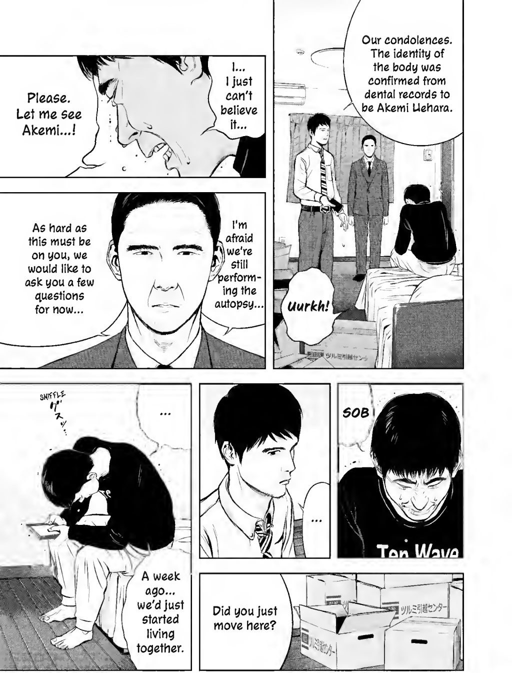
FSHH
警視
This is what the dog puked up?
Yes, that's correct.
捜査第一課
Punishment: Dog Food
METROPOLITAN POLICE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPT. FIRST INVESTIGATION DIVISION CHIEF TOSHIO OKABE (57)
What does this even mean...?

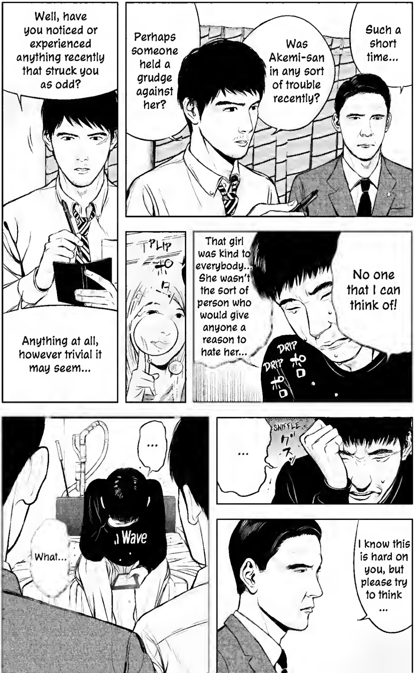

As you can see, it's *dog food punishment.*
This was an act of *vigilantism.*
"Vigil-antism"?
A privately enacted punish-ment...
My thought is someone with a very intense grudge mostly likely passed judgment on the victim.
...And?
If this is vigilantism, what does that tell us?
A judge-ment?

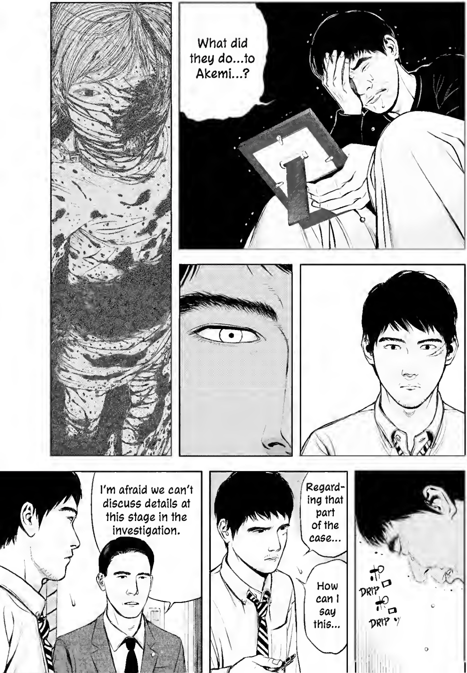

Yes sir...
She was killed as punishment for something.
And that *dog food punishment* was the recommended sentence.
...
What we still don't know is why the victim warranted that particular penalty.
Going by what's written on that paper, it may have had to do with a dog... For instance—
Speculation, Sawamura?
I don't know if this is vigilantism or what have you, but I don't have time to go along with your wild imagination.
CREAK
Imagination? Now wait just a minute, Chief.
Hey, Nishino.
Sir!
Take this down to Identification.
Yes sir!
PLOP

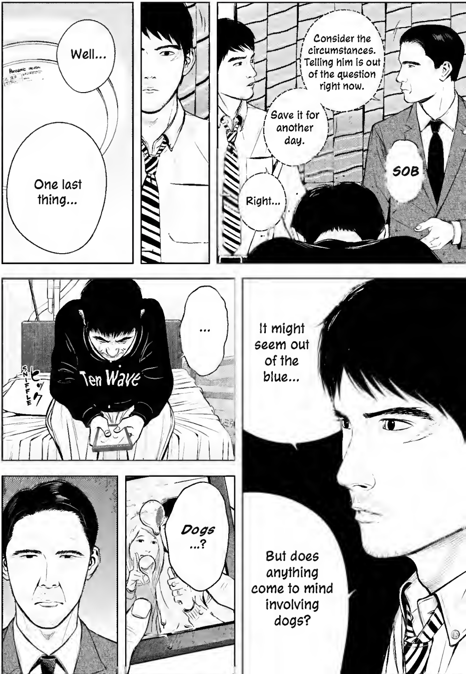

All you have to go on is a scrap of paper that a dog coughed up.
I don't want you getting ahead of yourself and inventing a whole case out of thin air.
With all due respect ...
You have a bad habit of rushing things.
At this point we haven't even identified the victim yet.
Chief.
We just got a match...
ETC専用
コ
VROOM
ッ
規制情報
1620kHz
ハイウェイラジオ
ここから
The victim is Akemi Uehara. 26, female. Employed at an apparel company.
A missing persons report was filed by her boyfriend three days ago at a police station near their residence. The address is—

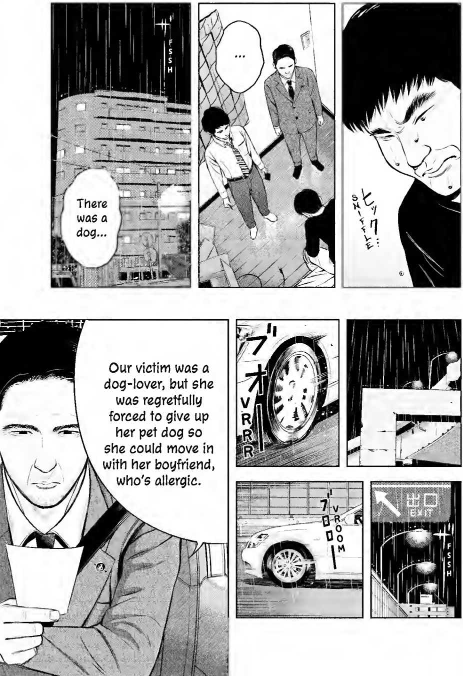

止ま
STOP
ザッ
FSSHH
Oh god...
ポタ DRIP
ポタ DRIP
There must be some mistake ...
Ten Way

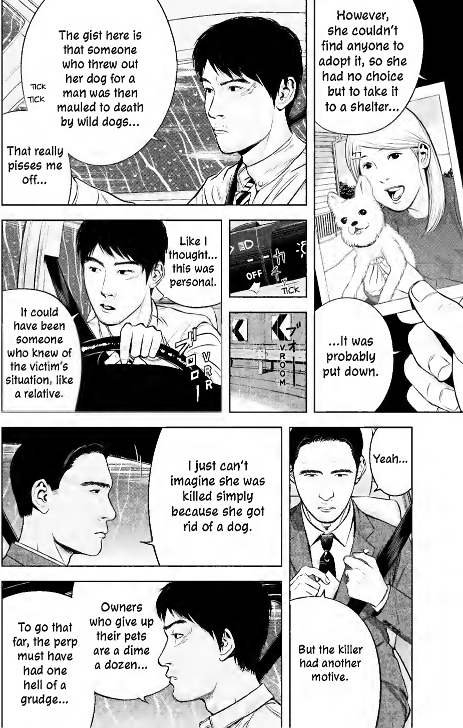

Our condolences. The identity of the body was confirmed from dental records to be Akemi Uehara.
Uurkh!
ツルミ引越センター
I... I just can't believe it...
Please. Let me see Akemi...!
I'm afraid we're still performing the autopsy...
As hard as this must be on you, we would like to ask you a few questions for now...
SOB
Ten Wave
...
...
SNIFFLE
グズッ
Did you just move here?
ツルミ引越センター
A week ago... we'd just started living together.

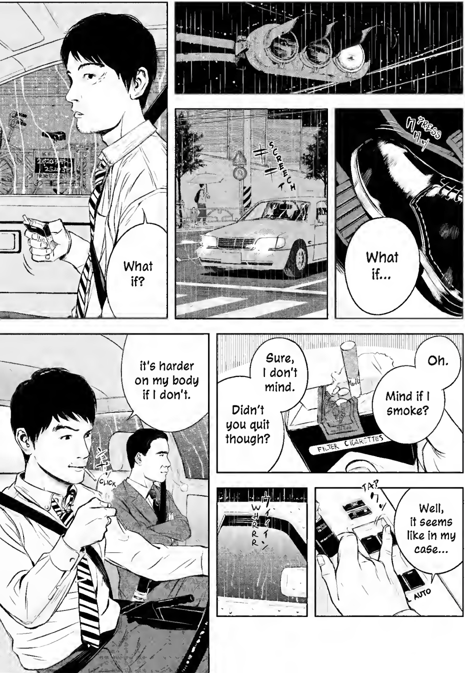

Such a short time...
Was Akemi-san in any sort of trouble recently?
Perhaps someone held a grudge against her?
No one that I can think of!
That girl was kind to everybody... She wasn't the sort of person who would give anyone a reason to hate her...
DRIP DRIP ポロ ポロ
PLIP ポロ ポロ
Well, have you noticed or experienced anything recently that struck you as odd?
Anything at all, however trivial it may seem...
...
SNIFFLE グスッ
I know this is hard on you, but please try to think ...
...
Wave
What...

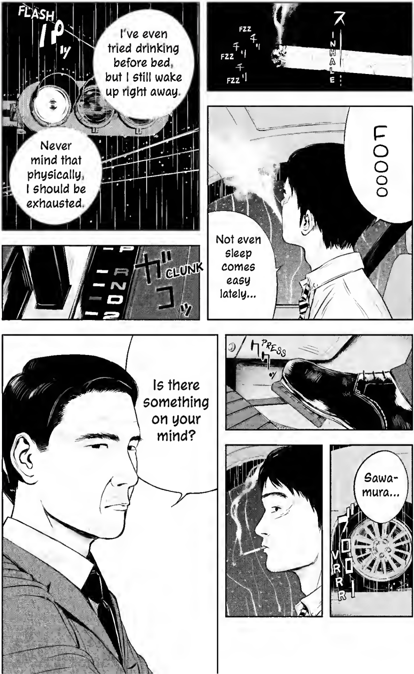

What did they do...to Akemi...?
DRIP
DRIP
Regarding that part of the case...
How can I say this...
I'm afraid we can't discuss details at this stage in the investigation.


Consider the circumstances. Telling him is out of the question right now.
SOB
Save it for another day.
Right...
Well...
One last thing...
It might seem out of the blue...
But does anything come to mind involving dogs?
...
SNIFFLE
Ten Wave
Dogs ...?

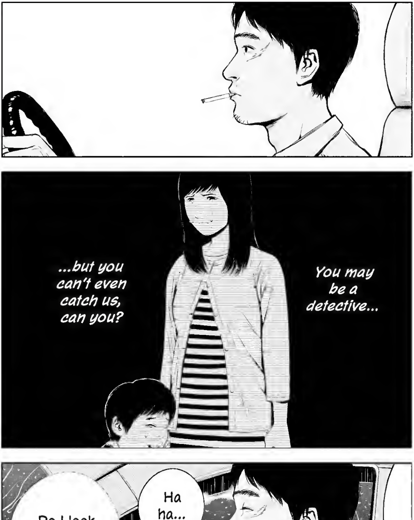

ヒック
SNIFFLE
...
サー
FSSH
There was a dog...
ブオー
VRRR
出口
EXIT
サー
FSSH
ブロロー
VROOM
Our victim was a dog-lover, but she was regretfully forced to give up her pet dog so she could move in with her boyfriend, who's allergic.

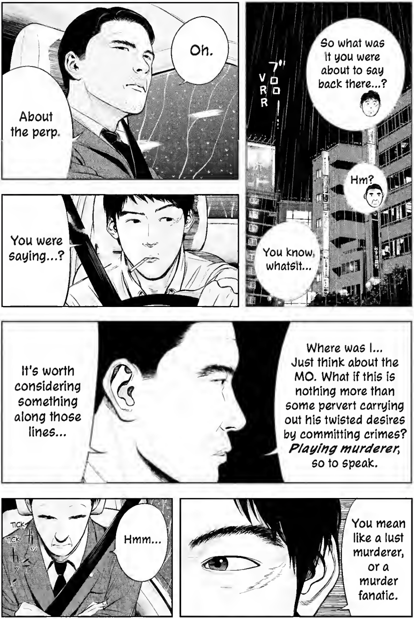

However, she couldn't find anyone to adopt it, so she had no choice but to take it to a shelter...
...It was probably put down.
The gist here is that someone who threw out her dog for a man was then mauled to death by wild dogs...
TICK TICK
That really pisses me off...
Like I thought... this was personal.
It could have been someone who knew of the victim's situation, like a relative.
VRR
OFF
TICK
VROOM
I just can't imagine she was killed simply because she got rid of a dog.
Yeah...
Owners who give up their pets are a dime a dozen...
To go that far, the perp must have had one hell of a grudge...
But the killer had another motive.

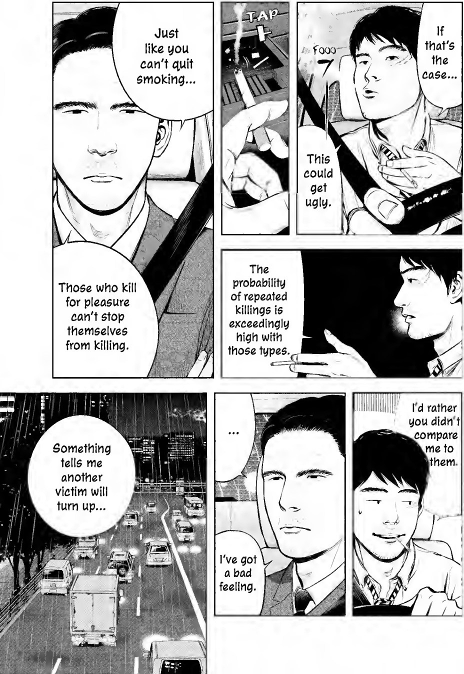

PRESS
What if...
SCREECH
What if?
Oh.
Mind if I smoke?
Sure, I don't mind.
Didn't you quit though?
FILTER CIGARETTES
TAP
Well, it seems like in my case...
AUTO
WHRR
it's harder on my body if I don't.
CLICK

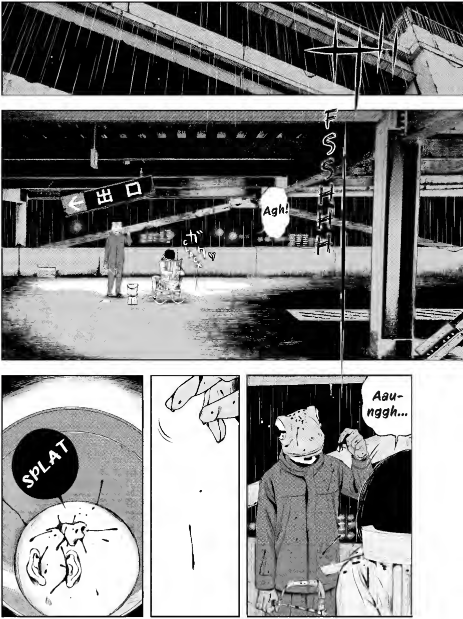


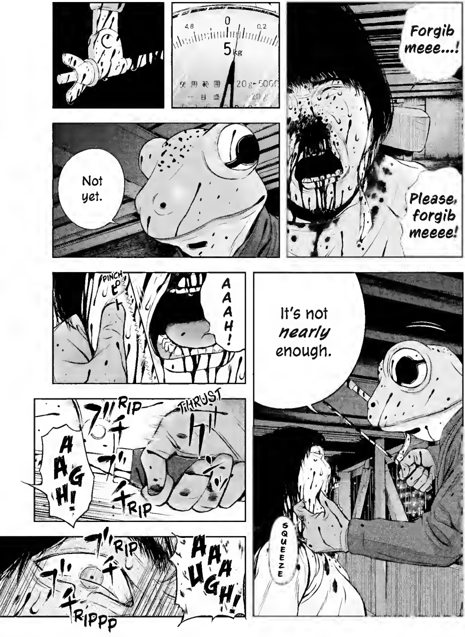
スー INHALE
FZZ チリ FZZ チリ FZZ チリ
FOOOO
Not even sleep comes easy lately...
FLASH パッ
I've even tried drinking before bed, but I still wake up right away.
Never mind that physically, I should be exhausted.
P R N D 2
ガコッ CLUNK
グッ PRESS
Sawa-mura...
ブロロ VRRR
Is there something on your mind?

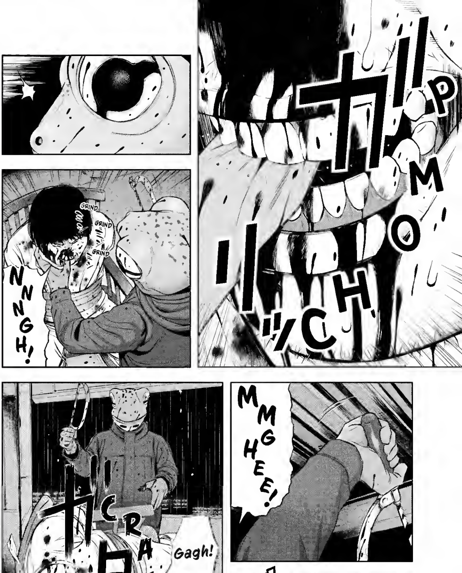

You may be a detective...
...but you can't even catch us, can you?
Ha ha...
Do I look like that kinda guy?

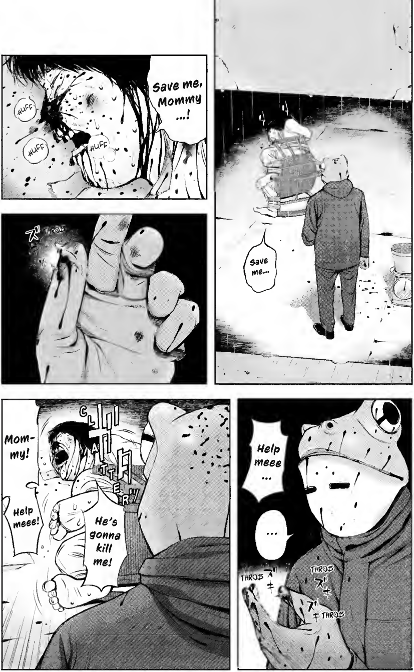

VRR
ブロロ
So what was it you were about to say back there...?
Hm?
You know, whatsit...
Oh.
About the perp.
You were saying...?
Where was I... Just think about the MO. What if this is nothing more than some pervert carrying out his twisted desires by committing crimes? *Playing murderer*, so to speak.
It's worth considering something along those lines...
You mean like a lust murderer, or a murder fanatic.
TICK
TICK
Hmm...

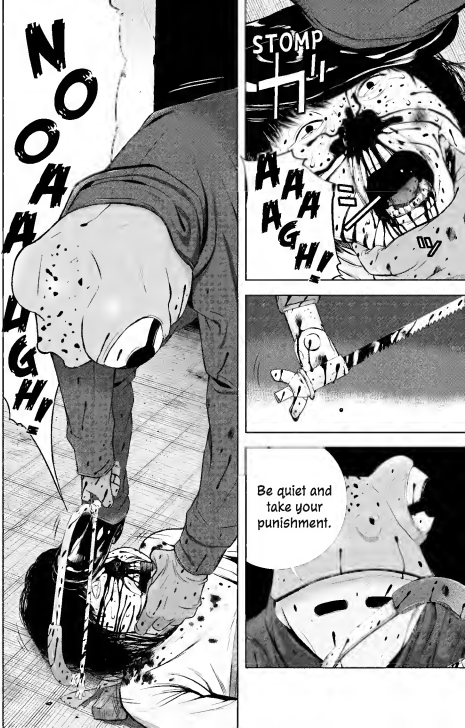

Just like you can't quit smoking...
Those who kill for pleasure can't stop themselves from killing.
TAP
FOOO
If that's the case...
This could get ugly.
The probability of repeated killings is exceedingly high with those types.
Something tells me another victim will turn up...
...
I've got a bad feeling.
I'd rather you didn't compare me to them.

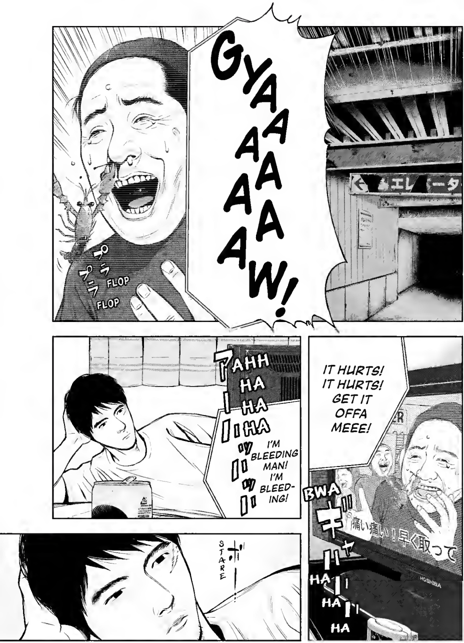

FSSHHH
Agh!
ガタッ
CLACK
← 出口
Aaun-nggh...
SPLAT

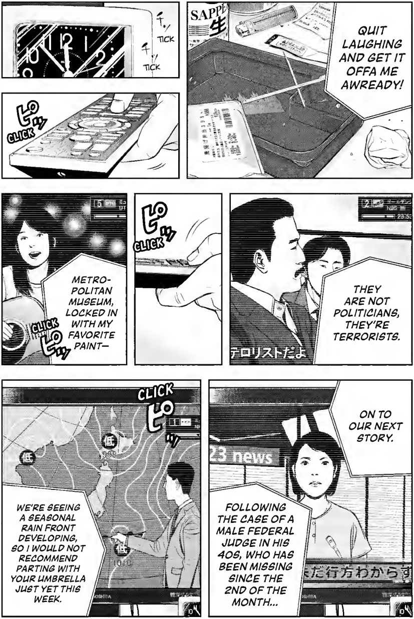

Forgib meeee...!
Please, forgib meeee!
4.8
0
0.2
5kg
Not yet.
It's not nearly enough.
PINCH
AAAAH!
THRUST
RIP
RIP
AAGH!
SQUEEZE
AAUGH!
RIP
RIPPP

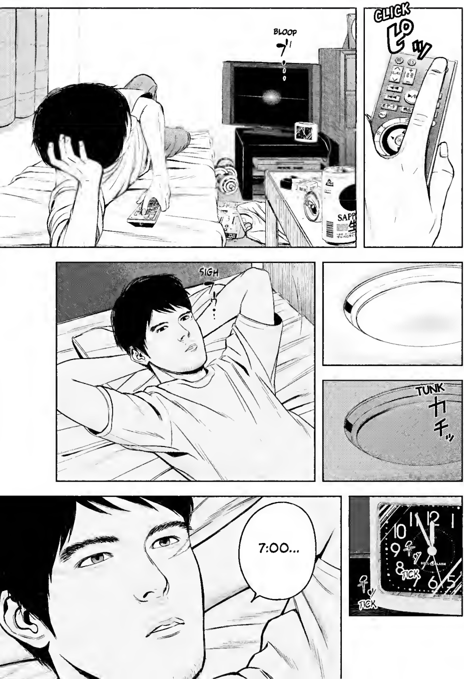

カリッ
CHOMP
GRIND
GRIND
GRIND
NNNGH!
MMGHEE!
ゴッ
WHACK
ガタン
CRASH
Gagh!

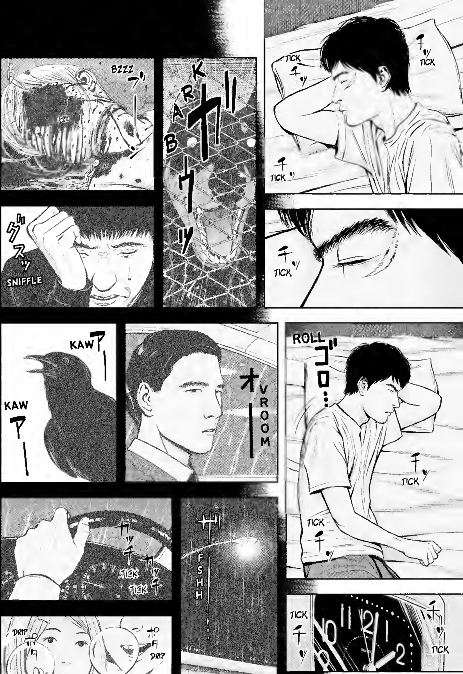

Save me...
Save me, Mommy ...!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
ズ THROB
Help meee ...
...
THROB ズキ
THROB ズキ
ズキ THROB
Mom-my!
CLATTER
Help meee!
He's gonna kill me!

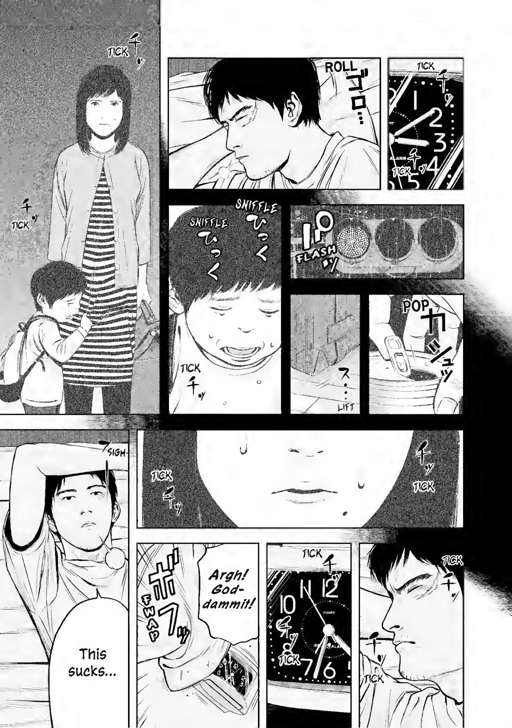

STOMP
AAAAGH!
Be quiet and take your punishment.
NOOAAUGH!


GYAAAAAAAAW!
プラ FLOP
プラ FLOP
← エレ ータ
IT HURTS! IT HURTS! GET IT OFFA MEEE!
痛い痛い！早く取って
BWA ギャ HA ハ HA ハ HA ハ
HOSHIBA
アAHH ハHA ハHA ハHA
ッ I'M BLEEDING MAN! ッ I'M BLEEDING!
STARE


SAPP
生
QUIT LAUGHING AND GET IT OFFA ME AWREADY!
チッ TICK
チッ TICK
ピッ CLICK
THEY ARE NOT POLITICIANS, THEY'RE TERRORISTS.
テロリストだよ
ピッ CLICK
METRO-POLITAN MUSEUM, LOCKED IN WITH MY FAVORITE PAINT—
CLICK ピッ
23 news
ON TO OUR NEXT STORY.
FOLLOWING THE CASE OF A MALE FEDERAL JUDGE IN HIS 40S, WHO HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE THE 2ND OF THE MONTH...
だ行方わからず
CLICK ピッ
低
低
低
WE'RE SEEING A SEASONAL RAIN FRONT DEVELOPING, SO I WOULD NOT RECOMMEND PARTING WITH YOUR UMBRELLA JUST YET THIS WEEK.


CLICK
ピッ
BLOOP
ブッ…
TUNK
カチッ
SIGH
フゥ…
チッ
TICK
チッ
TICK
7:00...


TICK チッ
TICK チッ
TICK チッ
TICK チッ
BARK ガウッ
BZZZ ブー
SNIFFLE グスッ
ROLL ゴロ…
TICK チッ
TICK チッ
VROOM オー
KAW アー
KAW アー
TICK チッ
TICK チッ
FSHH ザー
TICK カッチ
TICK カッチ
DRIP ポタ
DRIP ポタ


TICK
チッ
TICK
チッ
ROLL
ゴロ…
FLASH
ピカッ
SNIFFLE
ひっく
SNIFFLE
ひっく
TICK
チッ
POP
カシュッ
LIFT
ス…
TICK
チッ
TICK
チッ
TICK
チッ
TICK
チッ
TICK
チッ
TICK
チッ
SIGH
フー
TICK
チッ
TICK
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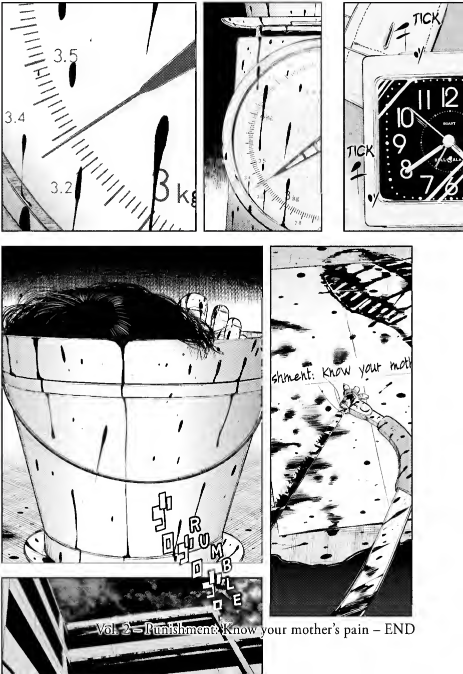
チッ
TICK
チッ
Argh! God-dammit!
FWAP
ボフッ
This sucks...


TICK
TICK
3.5
3.4
3.2
3 kg
shment: Know your moth
RUMBLE

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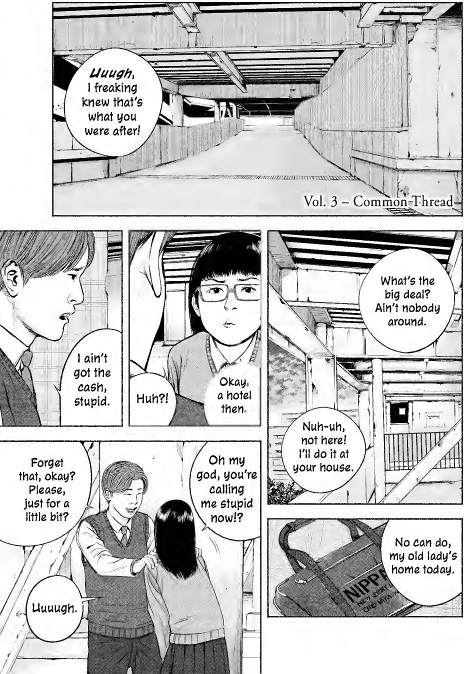
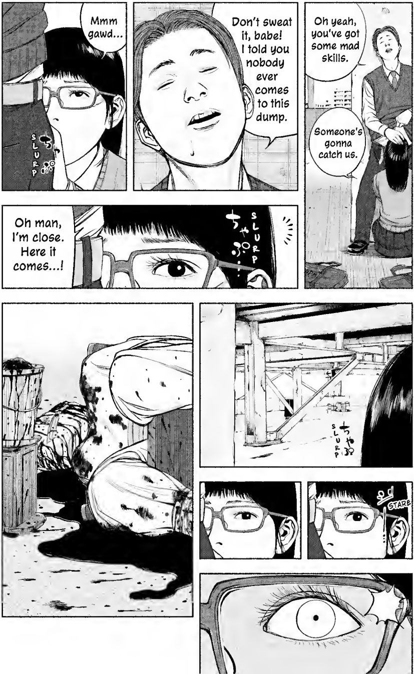
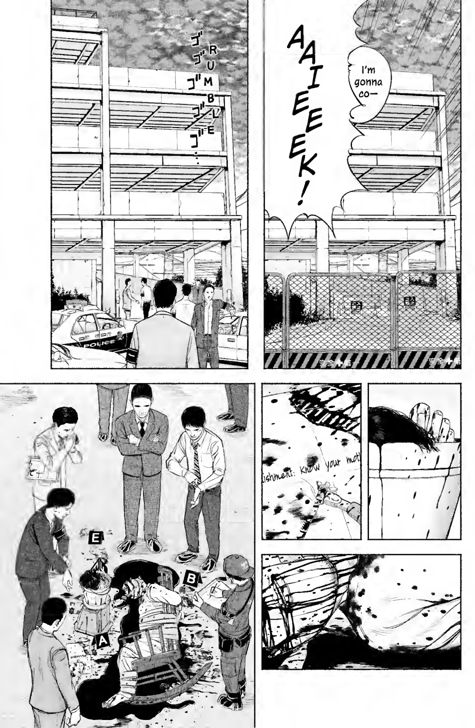

Uuugh, I freaking knew that's what you were after!
Vol. 3 – Common Thread
What's the big deal? Ain't nobody around.
Nuh-uh, not here! I'll do it at your house.
No can do, my old lady's home today.
Okay, a hotel then.
Huh?!
I ain't got the cash, stupid.
Oh my god, you're calling me stupid now!?
Forget that, okay? Please, just for a little bit?
Uuuugh.
NIPP


Oh yeah, you've got some mad skills.
Someone's gonna catch us.
Don't sweat it, babe! I told you nobody ever comes to this dump.
Mmm gawd...
SLURP
SLURP
Oh man, I'm close. Here it comes...!
SLURP
STARE


AAIEEEEK!
I'm gonna co—
ゴゴゴゴゴ
RUMBLE
POLICE
lishment: Know your mot
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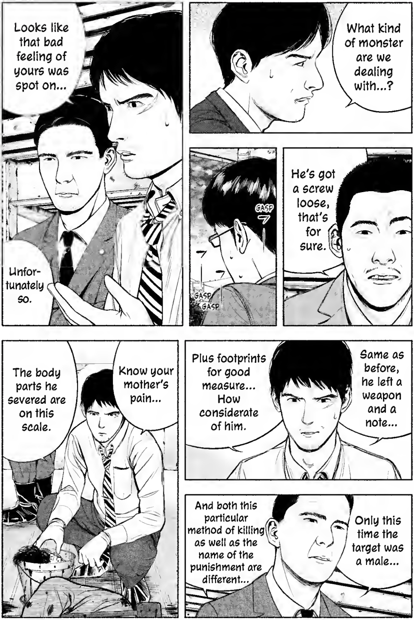
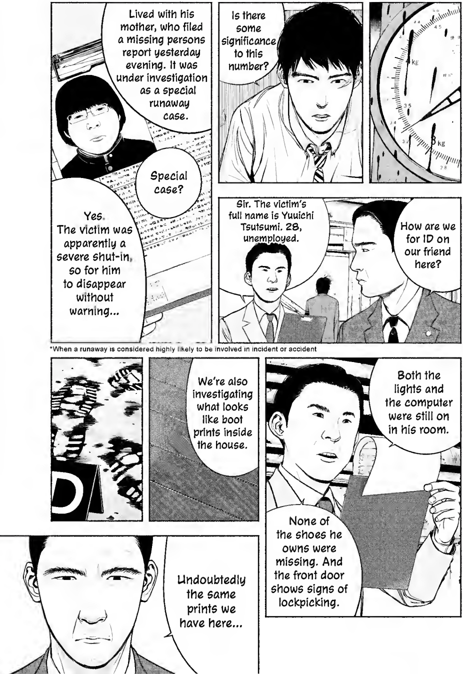
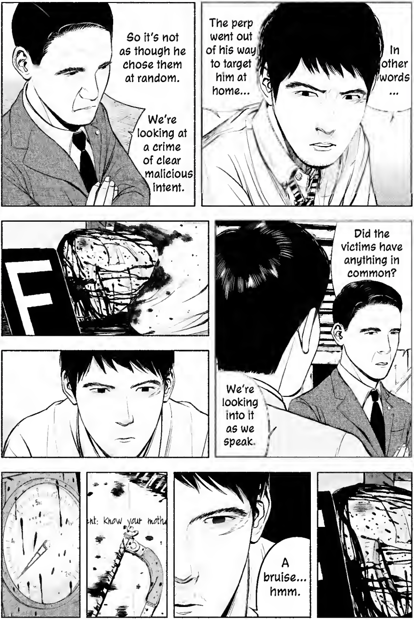
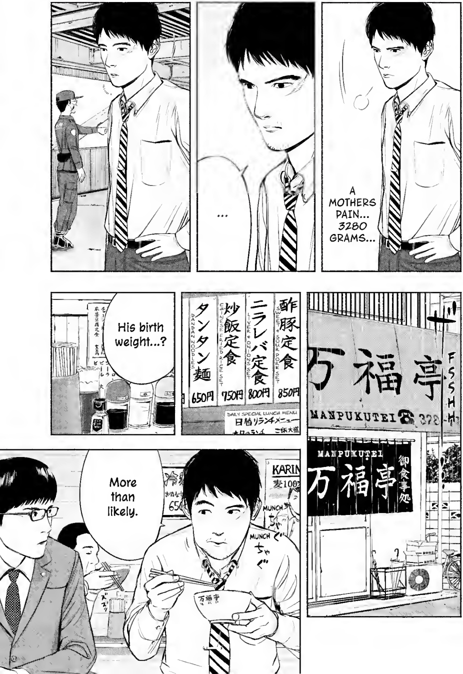
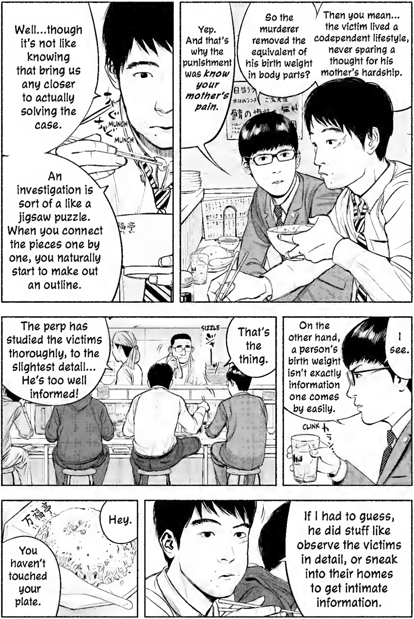

What kind of monster are we dealing with...?
He's got a screw loose, that's for sure.
GASP
GASP
GASP
Looks like that bad feeling of yours was spot on...
Unfortunately so.
Same as before, he left a weapon and a note...
Plus footprints for good measure... How considerate of him.
Only this time the target was a male...
And both this particular method of killing as well as the name of the punishment are different...
Know your mother's pain...
The body parts he severed are on this scale.

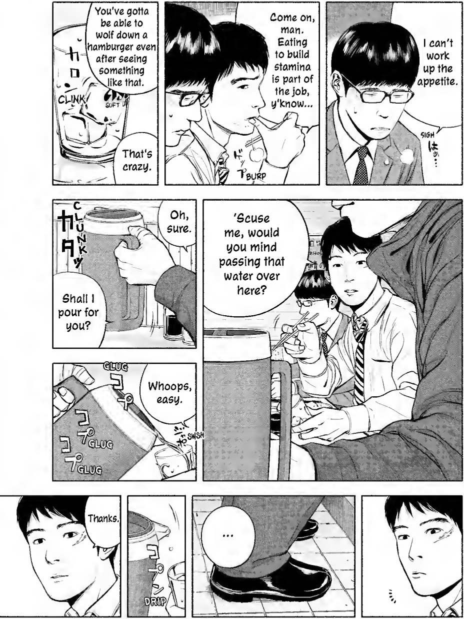

Is there some significance to this number?
How are we for ID on our friend here?
Sir. The victim's full name is Yuuichi Tsutsumi. 28, unemployed.
Lived with his mother, who filed a missing persons report yesterday evening. It was under investigation as a special runaway case.
Special case?
Yes. The victim was apparently a severe shut-in, so for him to disappear without warning...
Both the lights and the computer were still on in his room.
None of the shoes he owns were missing. And the front door shows signs of lockpicking.
We're also investigating what looks like boot prints inside the house.
Undoubtedly the same prints we have here...

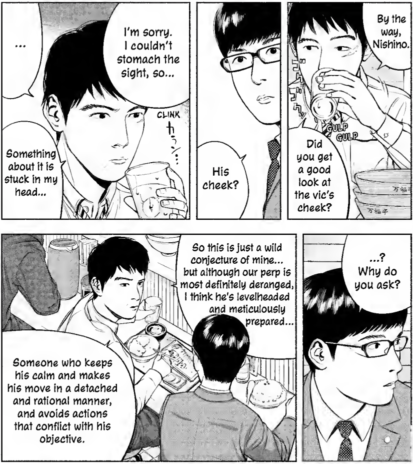
*When a runaway is considered highly likely to be involved in incident or accident

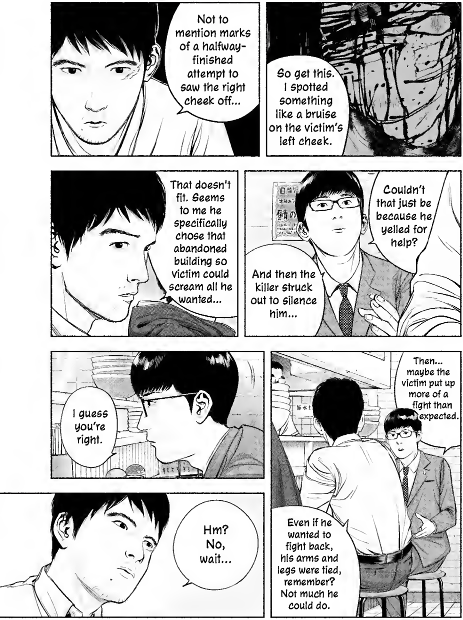

The perp went out of his way to target him at home...
In other words...
So it's not as though he chose them at random.
We're looking at a crime of clear malicious intent.
F
Did the victims have anything in common?
We're looking into it as we speak.
A bruise... hmm.
nt: Know your moth

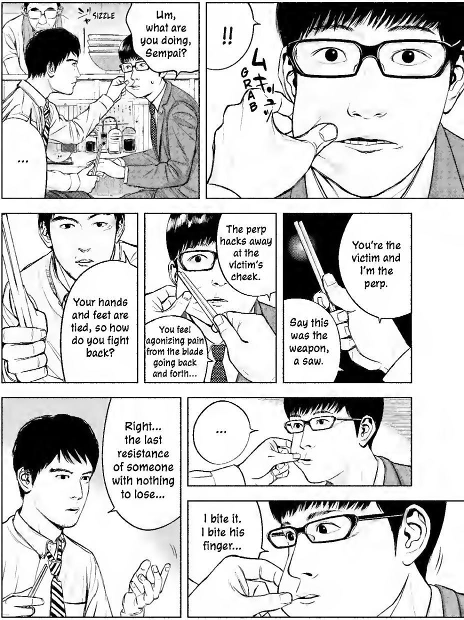

A MOTHERS PAIN... 3280 GRAMS...
...
FSSHH
万福亭
MANPUKUTEI ☎ 328
MANPUKUTEI
万福亭
御食事処
酢豚定食
SWEET + SOUR PORK SET
850円
ニラレバ定食
LIVER + ONIONS SET
800円
炒飯定食
CHINESE FRIED RICE SET
750円
タンタン麺
DANDAN NOODLES
650円
DAILY SPECIAL LUNCH MENU
日替りランチメニュー
His birth weight...?
KARIN
MUNCH ちゃぐ
MUNCH ちゃぐ
More than likely.
万福亭

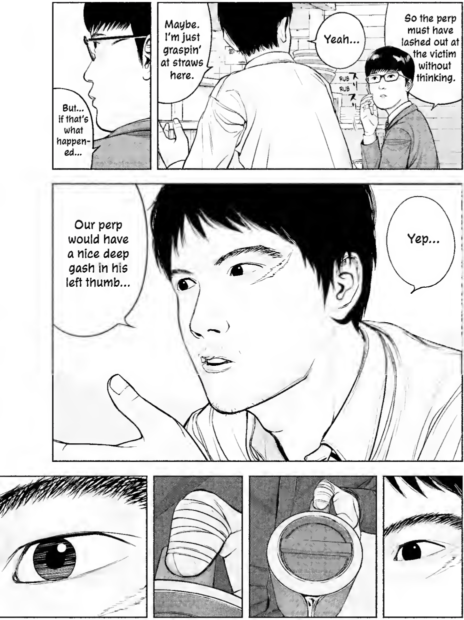

Then you mean... the victim lived a codependent lifestyle, never sparing a thought for his mother's hardship.
So the murderer removed the equivalent of his birth weight in body parts?
Yep. And that's why the punishment was *know your mother's pain.*
Well...though it's not like knowing that bring us any closer to actually solving the case.
MUNCH
MUNCH
An investigation is sort of a like a jigsaw puzzle. When you connect the pieces one by one, you naturally start to make out an outline.
On the other hand, a person's birth weight isn't exactly information one comes by easily.
I see.
CLINK
That's the thing.
SIZZLE
The perp has studied the victims thoroughly, to the slightest detail... He's too well informed!
If I had to guess, he did stuff like observe the victims in detail, or sneak into their homes to get intimate information.
Hey.
You haven't touched your plate.

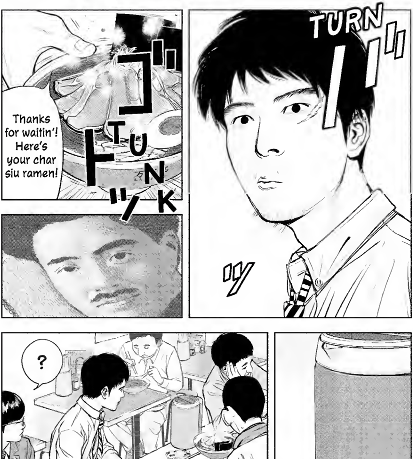

I can't work up the appetite.
SIGH はぁ…
Come on, man. Eating to build stamina is part of the job, y'know...
ゲップ BURP
You've gotta be able to wolf down a hamburger even after seeing something like that.
カロ CLINK
That's crazy.
'Scuse me, would you mind passing that water over here?
Oh, sure.
カタッ CLUNK
Shall I pour for you?
Whoops, easy.
ポ SWSH
コプ GLUG
コプ GLUG
コプ GLUG
...
コプン DRIP
Thanks.

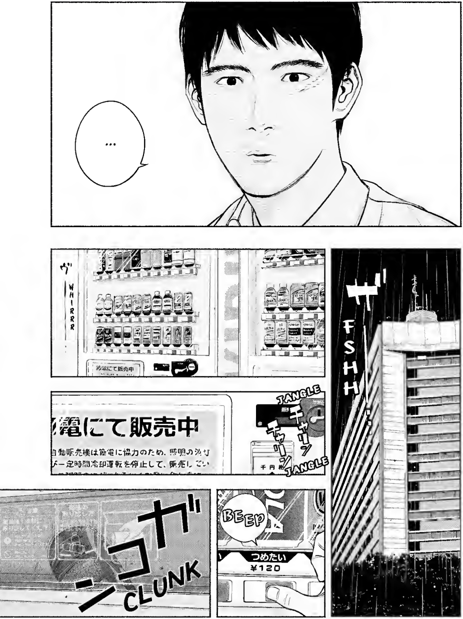

By the way, Nishino.
GULP GULP
Did you get a good look at the vic's cheek?
万福亭
His cheek?
I'm sorry. I couldn't stomach the sight, so...
...
CLINK
Something about it is stuck in my head...
...? Why do you ask?
So this is just a wild conjecture of mine... but although our perp is most definitely deranged, I think he's levelheaded and meticulously prepared...
Someone who keeps his calm and makes his move in a detached and rational manner, and avoids actions that conflict with his objective.
In other words... I got a hunch he wouldn't do stuff that doesn't line up with carrying out the sentence.
650
Right.


So get this. I spotted something like a bruise on the victim's left cheek.
Not to mention marks of a halfway-finished attempt to saw the right cheek off...
Couldn't that just be because he yelled for help?
And then the killer struck out to silence him...
That doesn't fit. Seems to me he specifically chose that abandoned building so victim could scream all he wanted...
Then... maybe the victim put up more of a fight than expected.
Even if he wanted to fight back, his arms and legs were tied, remember? Not much he could do.
I guess you're right.
Hm? No, wait...


!!
GRAB
SIZZLE
Um, what are you doing, Sempai?
...
You're the victim and I'm the perp.
Say this was the weapon, a saw.
The perp hacks away at the victim's cheek.
You feel agonizing pain from the blade going back and forth...
Your hands and feet are tied, so how do you fight back?
...
I bite it. I bite his finger...
Right... the last resistance of someone with nothing to lose...


So the perp must have lashed out at the victim without thinking.
RUB RUB
スリスリ
Yeah...
Maybe. I'm just graspin' at straws here.
But... if that's what happened...
Yep...
Our perp would have a nice deep gash in his left thumb...


TURN
ッ
Thanks for waitin'! Here's your char siu ramen!
ゴトッ
TUNK
?
Huh?


...
ザー
FSHH
ヴ
WHIRRR
節電にて販売中
電にて販売中
自動販売機は節電に協力のため、照明の消灯
び一定時間冷却運転を停止して、販売してい
千円札
チャリン
JANGLE
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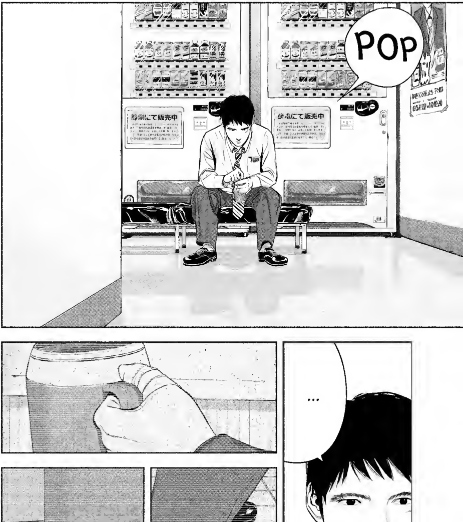
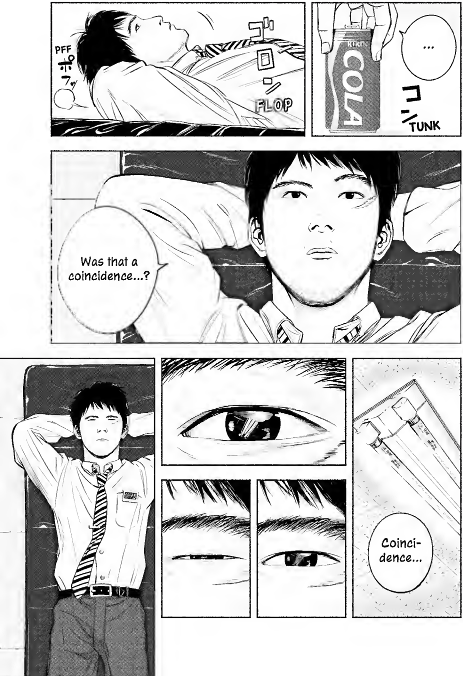
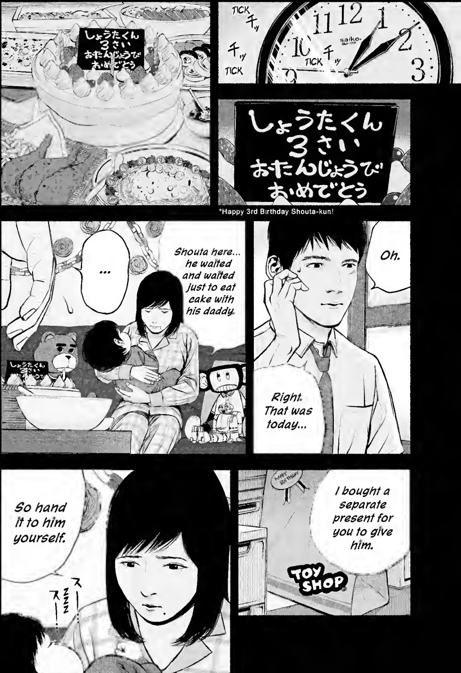
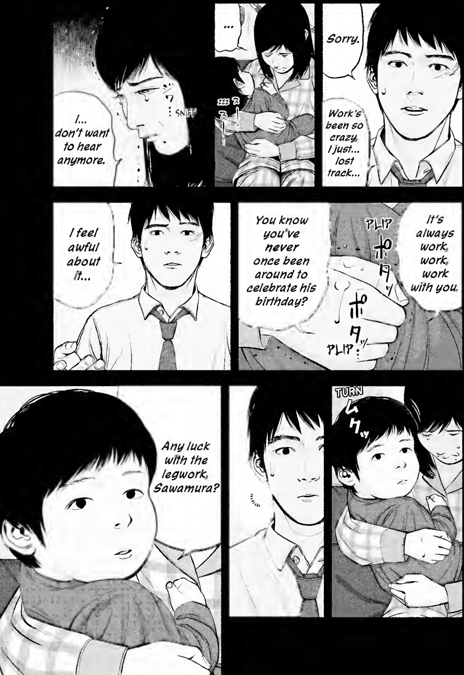
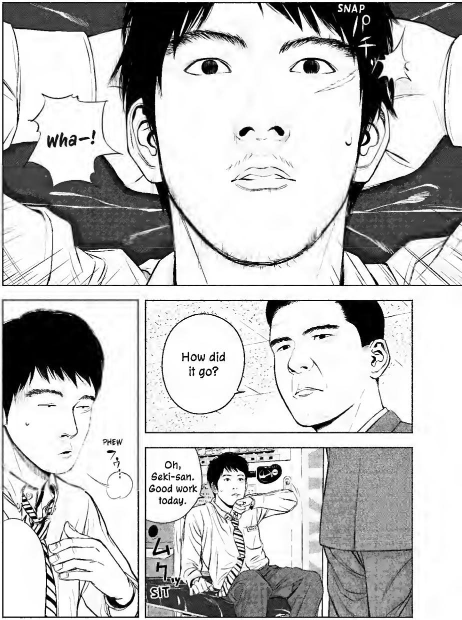
JANGLE
BEEp
つめたい
¥120
ゴガン
CLUNK

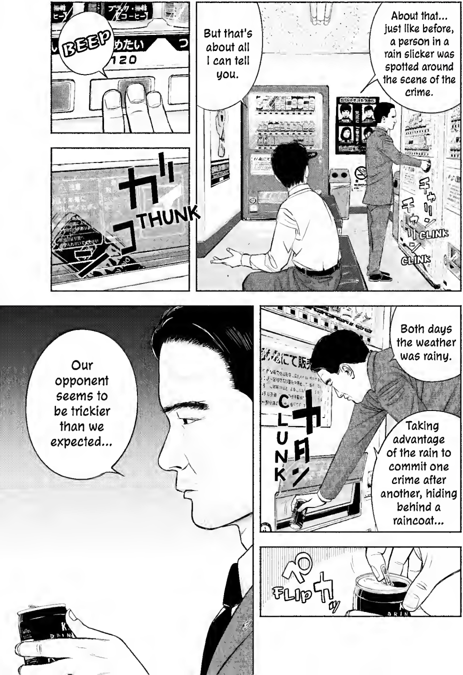

Pop
節電にて販売中
節電にて販売中
...
GULP
ゲビ…

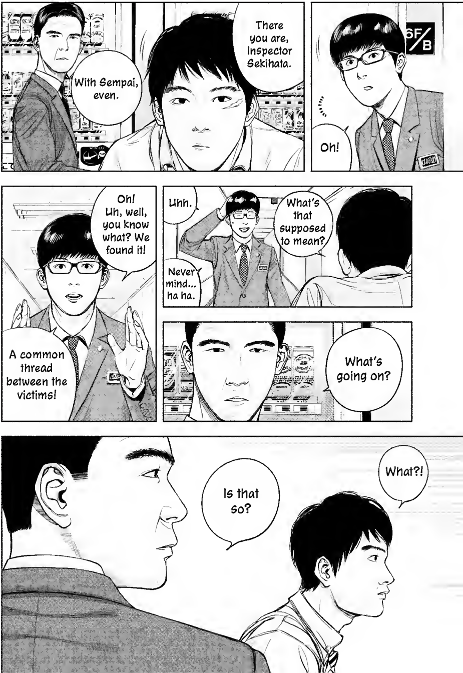

...
コン
TUNK
KIRIN
COLA
ゴロン
FLOP
ポフッ
PFF
Was that a coincidence...?
Coinci-dence...

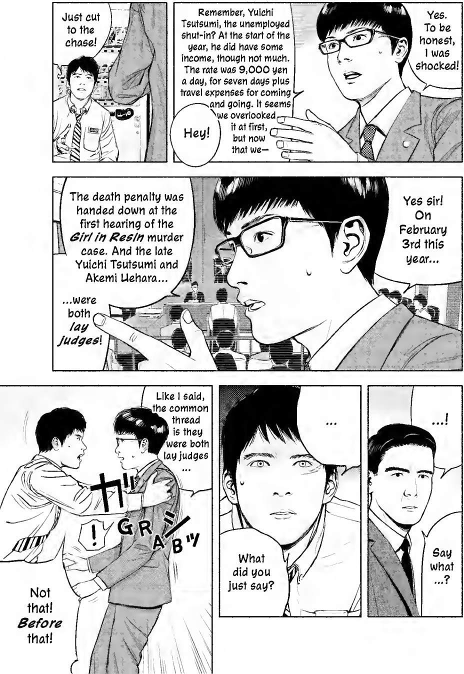

TICK
チッ
チッ
TICK
TICK
チッ
しょうたくん
3さい
おたんじょうび
おめでとう
*Happy 3rd Birthday Shouta-kun!
Oh.
Right. That was today...
...
Shouta here... he waited and waited just to eat cake with his daddy.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
I bought a separate present for you to give him.
TOY SHOP
So hand it to him yourself.
スー…
ZZZ
スー…

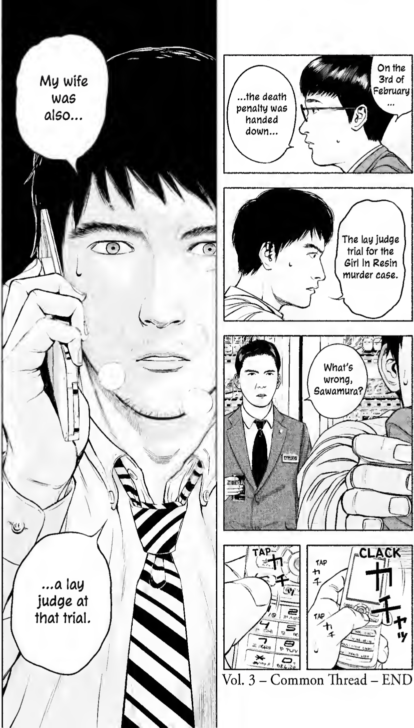

Sorry.
Work's been so crazy, I just... lost track...
...
zzz スー スー
I... don't want to hear anymore.
SNIFF
It's always work, work, work with you.
PLIP ポタッ
PLIP ポタッ
You know you've never once been around to celebrate his birthday?
I feel awful about it...
TURN ムクッ
Any luck with the legwork, Sawamura?


SNAP
Wha-!
How did it go?
Oh, Seki-san. Good work today.
ムクッ
SIT
PHEW
フゥ…


About that... just like before, a person in a rain slicker was spotted around the scene of the crime.
But that's about all I can tell you.
チャリン チャリン
CLINK
CLINK
BEEP
120
ガコ
THUNK
Both days the weather was rainy.
Taking advantage of the rain to commit one crime after another, hiding behind a raincoat...
ガコン
CLUNK
ペカッ
FLIP
Our opponent seems to be trickier than we expected...


6F/B
Oh!
There you are, Inspector Sekihata.
With Sempai, even.
What's that supposed to mean?
Uhh.
Never mind... ha ha.
What's going on?
Oh! Uh, well, you know what? We found it!
A common thread between the victims!
What?!
Is that so?


Yes. To be honest, I was shocked!
Remember, Yuichi Tsutsumi, the unemployed shut-in? At the start of the year, he did have some income, though not much. The rate was 9,000 yen a day, for seven days plus travel expenses for coming and going. It seems we overlooked it at first, but now that we—
Hey!
Just cut to the chase!
Yes sir! On February 3rd this year...
The death penalty was handed down at the first hearing of the *Girl in Resin* murder case. And the late Yuichi Tsutsumi and Akemi Uehara...
...were both *lay judges*!
...!
Say what ...?
...
What did you just say?
Like I said, the common thread is they were both lay judges ...
GRAB
!
Not that! *Before* that!


On the 3rd of February ...
...the death penalty was handed down...
The lay judge trial for the Girl In Resin murder case.
What's wrong, Sawamura?
CLACK
カチャッ
TAP
カチ
TAP
カチ
TAP
カチ
My wife was also...
...a lay judge at that trial.

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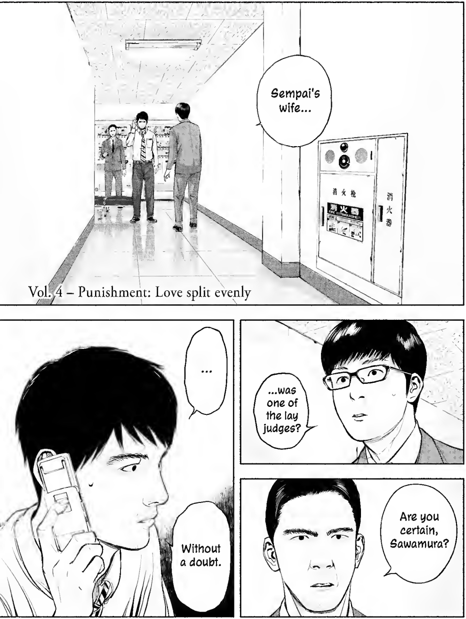
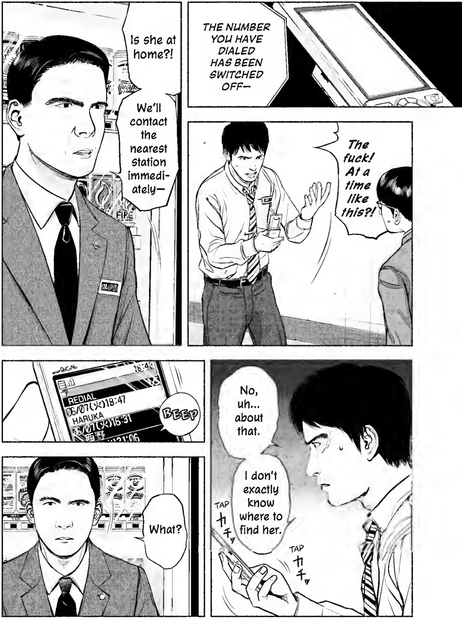
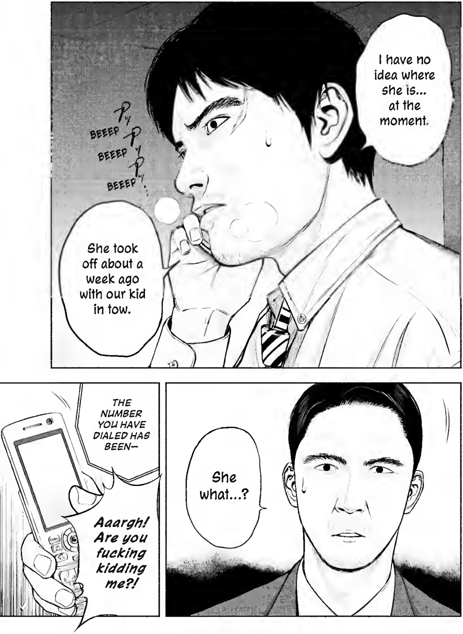
MUSEUM
THE SERIAL KILLER IS LAUGHING IN THE RAIN.

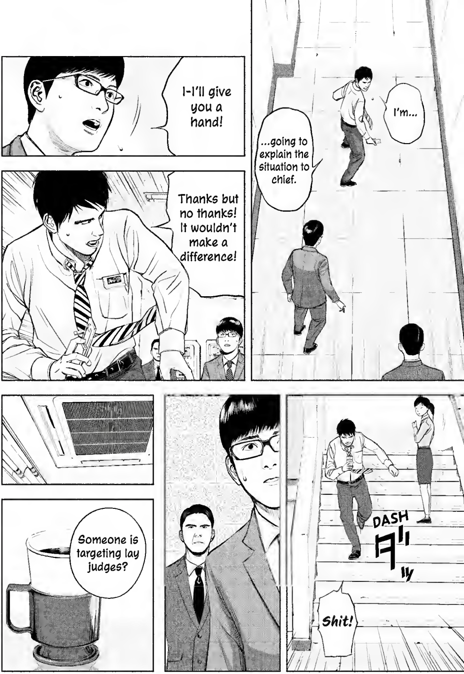
The serial killer is laughing in the rain.
Museum

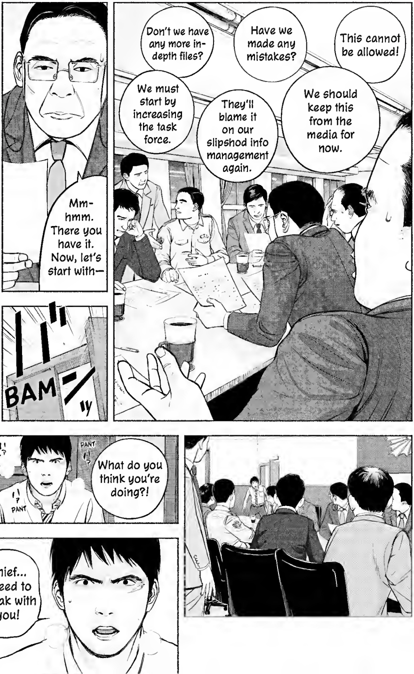
Vol. 4 – Punishment: Love split evenly

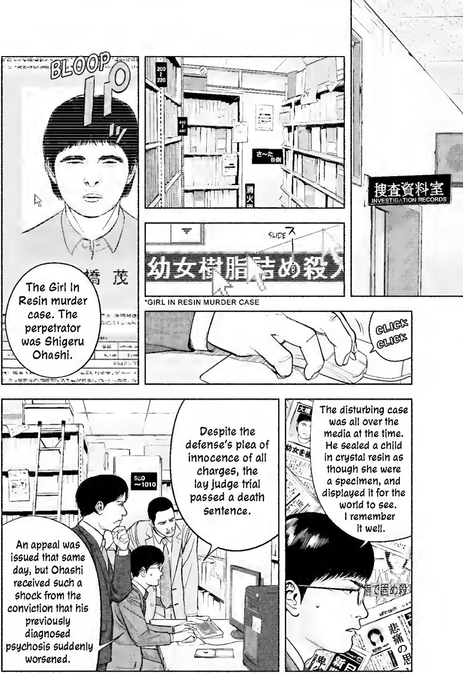

Sempai's wife...
消火器
消火栓
...was one of the lay judges?
...
Are you certain, Sawamura?
Without a doubt.


THE NUMBER YOU HAVE DIALED HAS BEEN SWITCHED OFF—
The fuck! At a time like this?!
Is she at home?!
We'll contact the nearest station immedi-ately—
No, uh... about that.
I don't exactly know where to find her.
TAP カチッ
TAP カチッ
DoCoMo
REDIAL
06/07(火)18:47
HARUKA
06/07(火)16:31
BEEP
What?

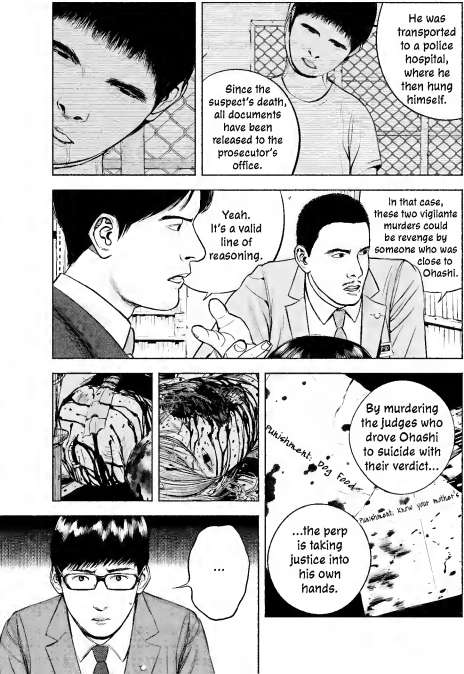

I have no idea where she is... at the moment.
BEEEP
BEEEP
BEEEP
She took off about a week ago with our kid in tow.
She what...?
THE NUMBER YOU HAVE DIALED HAS BEEN—
Aaargh! Are you fucking kidding me?!

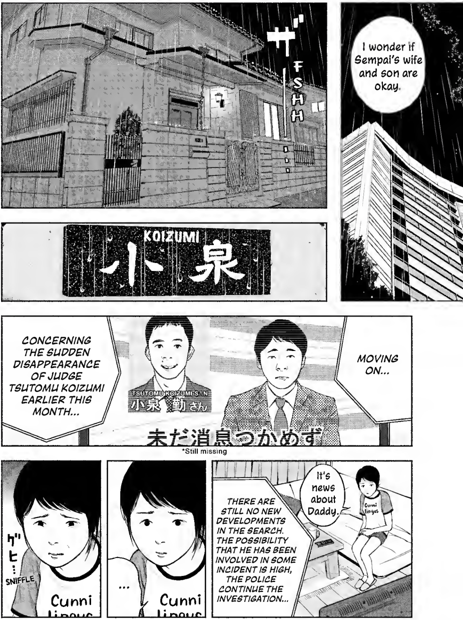

I'm...
...going to explain the situation to chief.
I-I'll give you a hand!
Thanks but no thanks! It wouldn't make a difference!
DASH
ダッ
Shit!
Someone is targeting lay judges?

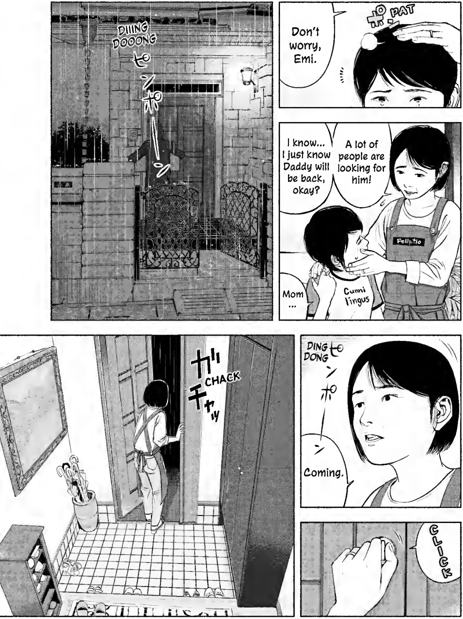

This cannot be allowed!
Have we made any mistakes?
Don't we have any more in-depth files?
We should keep this from the media for now.
They'll blame it on our slipshod info management again.
We must start by increasing the task force.
Mm-hmm. There you have it. Now, let's start with—
BAM
PANT
PANT
PANT
What do you think you're doing?!
Chief... I need to speak with you!

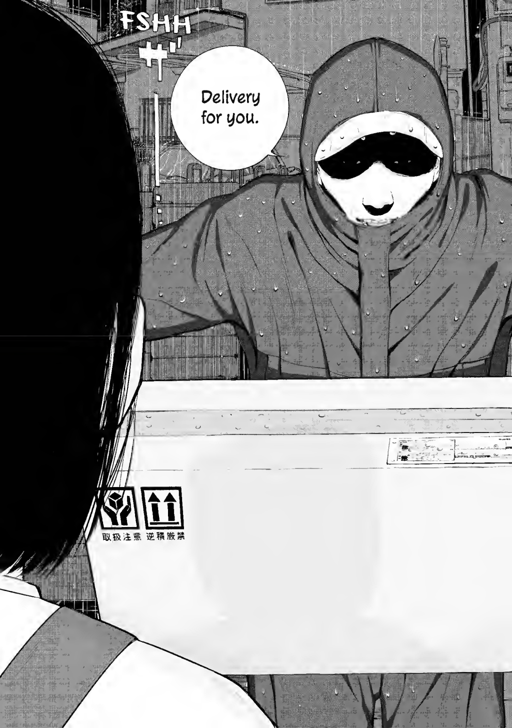

捜査資料室
INVESTIGATION RECORDS
200～220
410～440
さ～た B側
消火
SLIDE
幼女樹脂詰め殺人
CLICK CLICK
BLOOP
橋 茂
The Girl In Resin murder case. The perpetrator was Shigeru Ohashi.
The disturbing case was all over the media at the time. He sealed a child in crystal resin as though she were a specimen, and displayed it for the world to see. I remember it well.
悲痛の思
Despite the defense's plea of innocence of all charges, the lay judge trial passed a death sentence.
An appeal was issued that same day, but Ohashi received such a shock from the conviction that his previously diagnosed psychosis suddenly worsened.

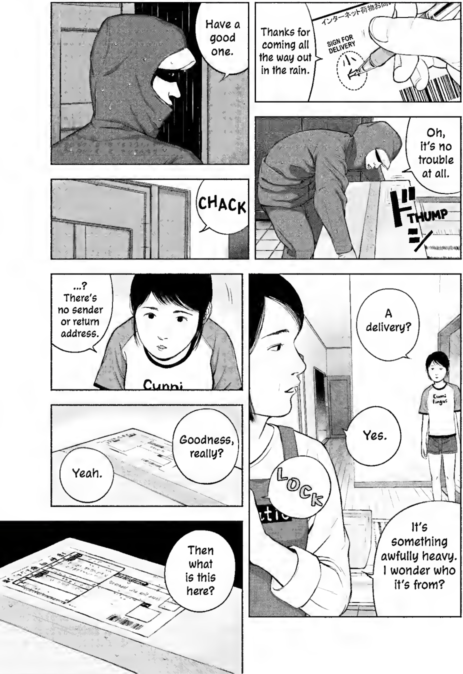
*GIRL IN RESIN MURDER CASE

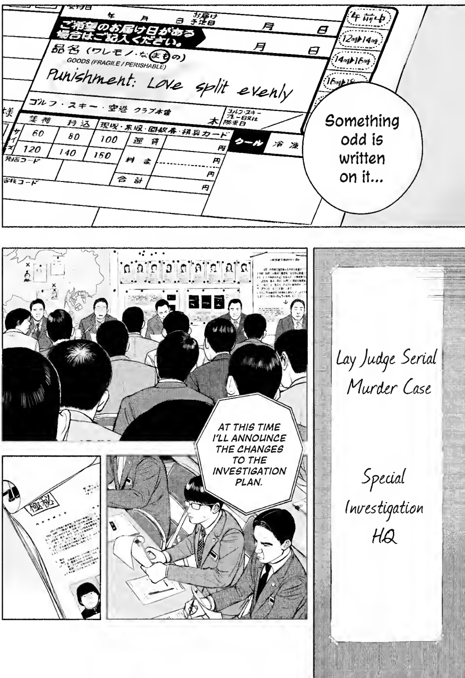

He was transported to a police hospital, where he then hung himself.
Since the suspect's death, all documents have been released to the prosecutor's office.
In that case, these two vigilante murders could be revenge by someone who was close to Ohashi.
Yeah. It's a valid line of reasoning.
By murdering the judges who drove Ohashi to suicide with their verdict...
Punishment: Dog Food
Punishment: Know your mother's
...the perp is taking justice into his own hands.
...

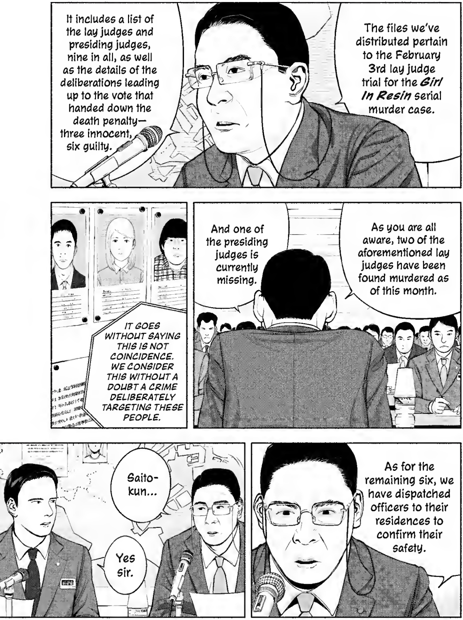

I wonder if Sempai's wife and son are okay.
ザ
FSHH
...
KOIZUMI
小泉
CONCERNING THE SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE OF JUDGE TSUTOMU KOIZUMI EARLIER THIS MONTH...
MOVING ON...
TSUTOMU KOIZUMI-SAN
小泉 勤さん
未だ消息つかめず
*Still missing
It's news about Daddy.
THERE ARE STILL NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SEARCH. THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SOME INCIDENT IS HIGH, THE POLICE CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION...
Cunni lingus
...
Cunni lingus
グヒ...
SNIFFLE
Cunni lingus

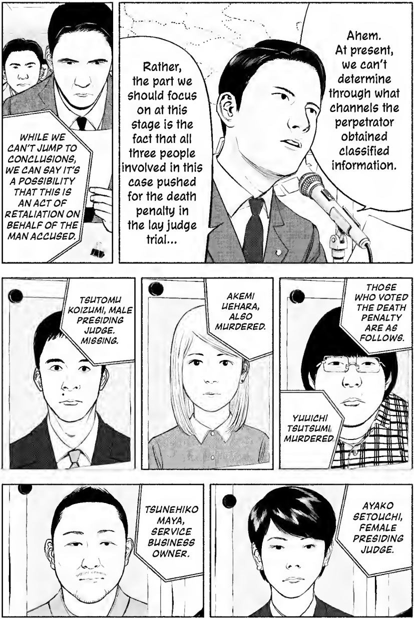

PAT ポ
Don't worry, Emi.
A lot of people are looking for him!
I know... I just know Daddy will be back, okay?
Fellatio
Cunni lingus
Mom ...
DIING DOOONG ピンポーン
DING DONG ピンポーン
Coming.
CLICK
CHACK ガチャッ

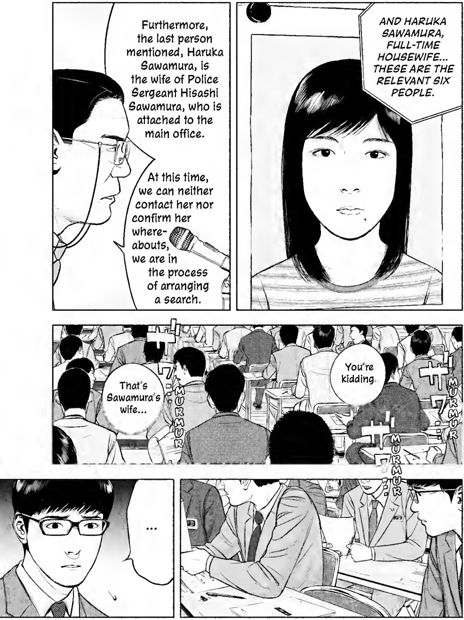

FSHH
ザー
Delivery for you.
取扱注意
逆積厳禁

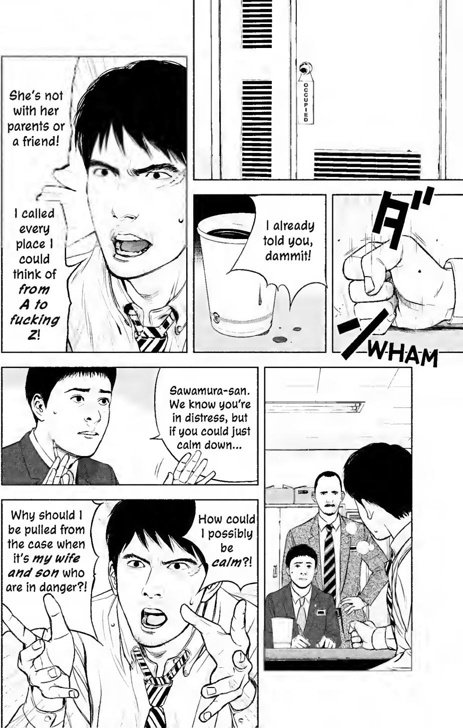

Thanks for coming all the way out in the rain.
SIGN FOR DELIVERY
小
Oh, it's no trouble at all.
ド THUMP
Have a good one.
CHACK
A delivery?
Yes.
LOCK
It's something awfully heavy. I wonder who it's from?
...? There's no sender or return address.
Cunni
Cunni lingus
Goodness, really?
Yeah.
Then what is this here?

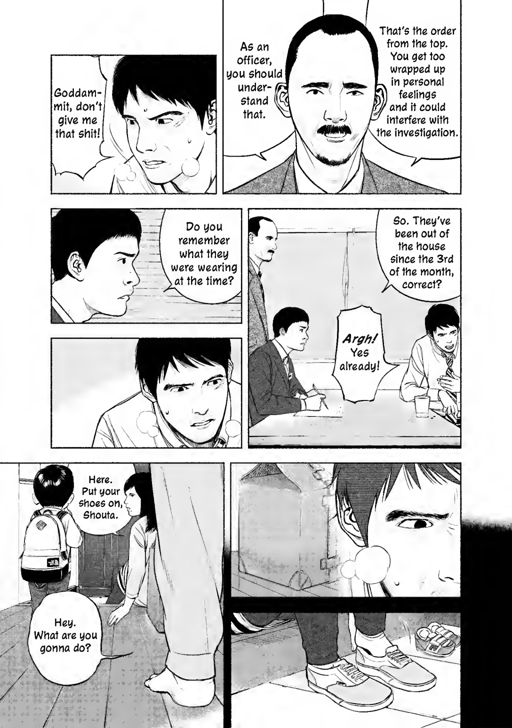

年 月 日
お届け予定日 月 日
ご希望のお届け日がある場合はご記入ください。
月 日
午前中
12時▶14時
14時▶16時
品名（ワレモノ・なまもの）
GOODS (FRAGILE / PERISHABLE)
Punishment: Love split evenly
ゴルフ・スキー・空港 クラブ本数 本
集荷 持込
60 80 100
120 140 160
運賃 円
料金 円
合計 円
クール 冷凍
Something odd is written on it...
Lay Judge Serial Murder Case
Special Investigation HQ
AT THIS TIME I'LL ANNOUNCE THE CHANGES TO THE INVESTIGATION PLAN.
極秘

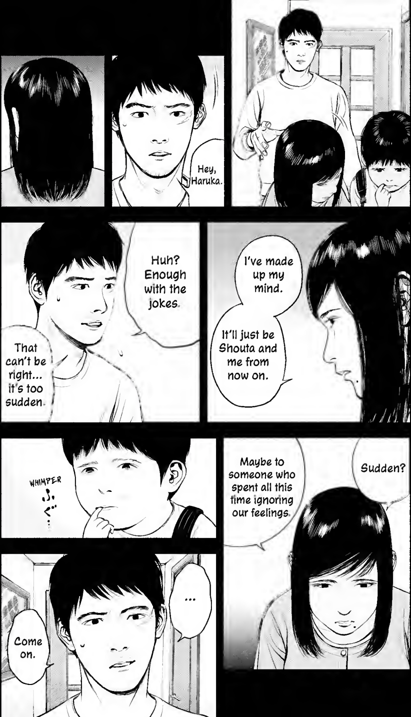

The files we've distributed pertain to the February 3rd lay judge trial for the *Girl In Resin* serial murder case.
It includes a list of the lay judges and presiding judges, nine in all, as well as the details of the deliberations leading up to the vote that handed down the death penalty—three innocent, six guilty.
As you are all aware, two of the aforementioned lay judges have been found murdered as of this month.
And one of the presiding judges is currently missing.
IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THIS IS NOT COINCIDENCE. WE CONSIDER THIS WITHOUT A DOUBT A CRIME DELIBERATELY TARGETING THESE PEOPLE.
As for the remaining six, we have dispatched officers to their residences to confirm their safety.
Saito-kun...
Yes sir.

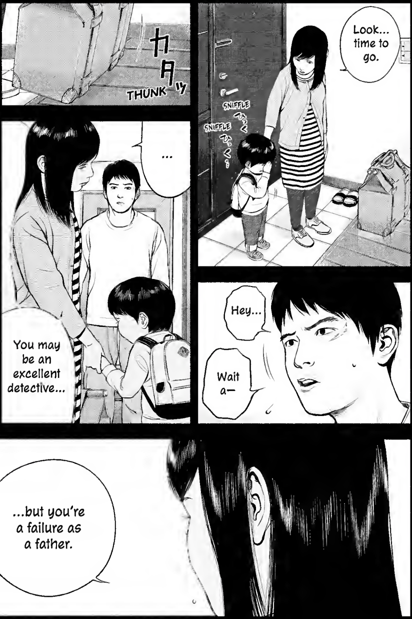

Ahem. At present, we can't determine through what channels the perpetrator obtained classified information.
Rather, the part we should focus on at this stage is the fact that all three people involved in this case pushed for the death penalty in the lay judge trial...
WHILE WE CAN'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS, WE CAN SAY IT'S A POSSIBILITY THAT THIS IS AN ACT OF RETALIATION ON BEHALF OF THE MAN ACCUSED.
THOSE WHO VOTED THE DEATH PENALTY ARE AS FOLLOWS.
YUUICHI TSUTSUMI MURDERED.
AKEMI UEHARA, ALSO MURDERED.
TSUTOMU KOIZUMI, MALE PRESIDING JUDGE. MISSING.
AYAKO SETOUCHI, FEMALE PRESIDING JUDGE.
TSUNEHIKO MAYA, SERVICE BUSINESS OWNER.

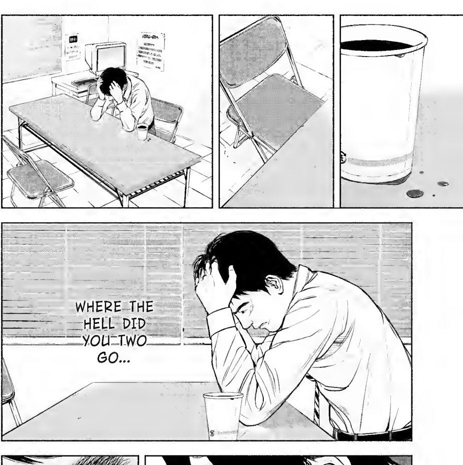

AND HARUKA SAWAMURA, FULL-TIME HOUSEWIFE... THESE ARE THE RELEVANT SIX PEOPLE.
Furthermore, the last person mentioned, Haruka Sawamura, is the wife of Police Sergeant Hisashi Sawamura, who is attached to the main office.
At this time, we can neither contact her nor confirm her whereabouts, we are in the process of arranging a search.
ザワ
MURMUR
You're kidding.
ザワ
MURMUR
That's Sawamura's wife...
ザワ
MURMUR
ザワ
MURMUR
...

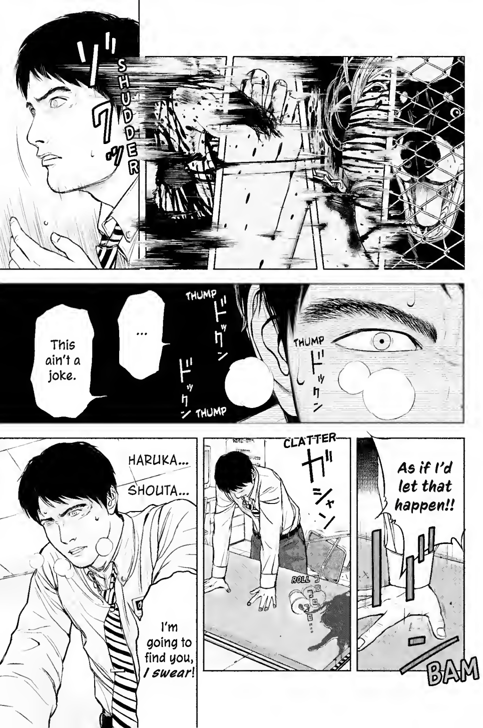

OCCUPIED
ダ
ン
WHAM
I already told you, dammit!
She's not with her parents or a friend!
I called every place I could think of *from A to fucking Z*!
Sawamura-san. We know you're in distress, but if you could just calm down...
How could I possibly be *calm*?!
Why should I be pulled from the case when it's *my wife and son* who are in danger?!

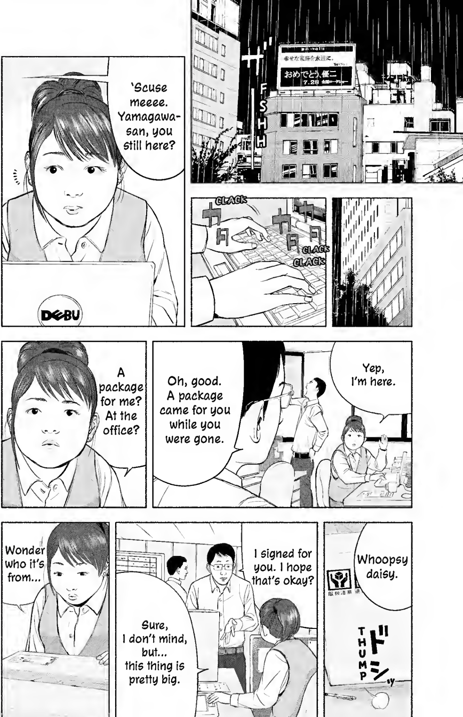

That's the order from the top. You get too wrapped up in personal feelings and it could interfere with the investigation.
As an officer, you should understand that.
Goddam-mit, don't give me that shit!
So. They've been out of the house since the 3rd of the month, correct?
Argh! Yes already!
Do you remember what they were wearing at the time?
Here. Put your shoes on, Shouta.
Hey. What are you gonna do?

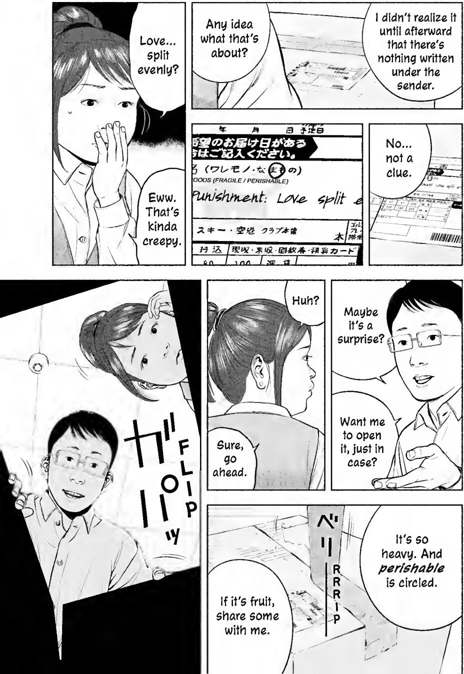

Hey, Haruka.
I've made up my mind.
It'll just be Shouta and me from now on.
Huh? Enough with the jokes.
That can't be right... it's too sudden.
Sudden?
Maybe to someone who spent all this time ignoring our feelings.
WHIMPER
ふぐ…
...
Come on.

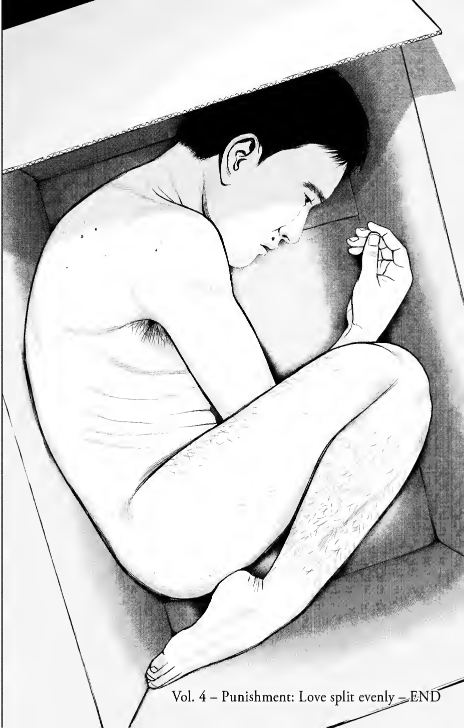

Look... time to go.
カタッ
THUNK
SNIFFLE
ひっく
SNIFFLE
ひっく
...
Hey...
Wait a—
You may be an excellent detective...
...but you're a failure as a father.


WHERE THE HELL DID YOU TWO GO...


ゾワッ
SHUDDER
ドックン
THUMP
...
This ain't a joke.
ドックン
THUMP
ドックン
THUMP
As if I'd let that happen!!
BAM
ガシャン
CLATTER
コロコロ
ROLL
HARUKA...
SHOUTA...
I'm going to find you, *I swear*!


幸せな家庭を永遠に。
おめでとう、優二
7.28 全国ロードショー
FSHH
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
'Scuse meeee. Yamagawa-san, you still here?
DEBU
Yep, I'm here.
Oh, good. A package came for you while you were gone.
A package for me? At the office?
Whoopsy daisy.
THUMP
I signed for you. I hope that's okay?
Sure, I don't mind, but... this thing is pretty big.
Wonder who it's from...


I didn't realize it until afterward that there's nothing written under the sender.
Any idea what that's about?
No... not a clue.
年 月 日 予定日
望のお届け日がある
はご記入ください。
(ワレモノ・なまもの)
OOOS (FRAGILE / PERISHABLE)
Punishment: Love split e
スキー・空港 クラブ本體
持込 現収・未収・回数券・精算カード
Love... split evenly?
Eww. That's kinda creepy.
Maybe it's a surprise?
Want me to open it, just in case?
Huh?
Sure, go ahead.
ガパッ
FLIP
ベリ
RRRIP
It's so heavy. And *perishable* is circled.
If it's fruit, share some with me.



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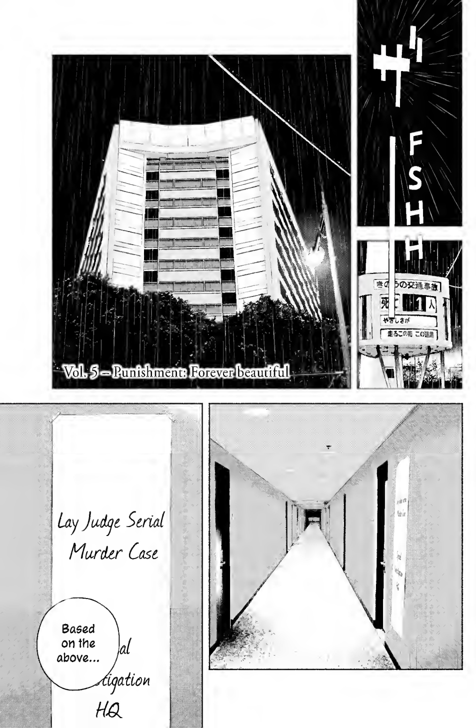
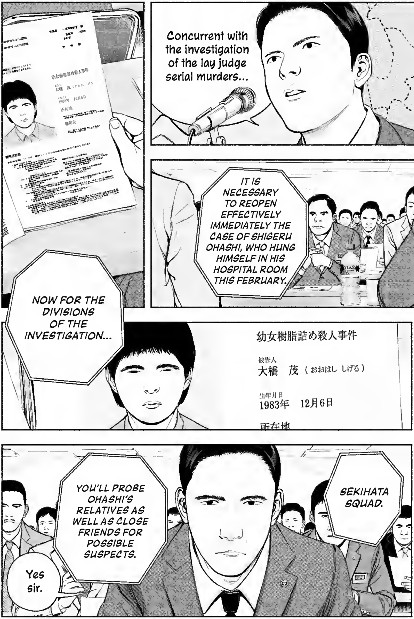
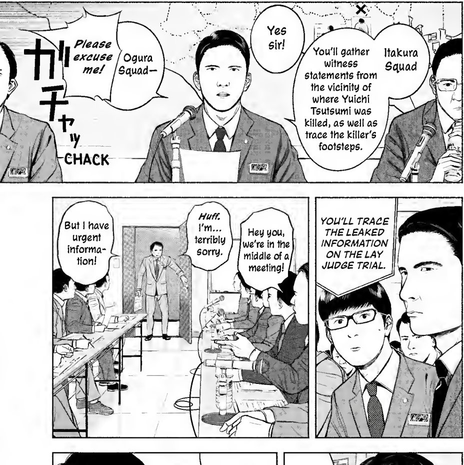
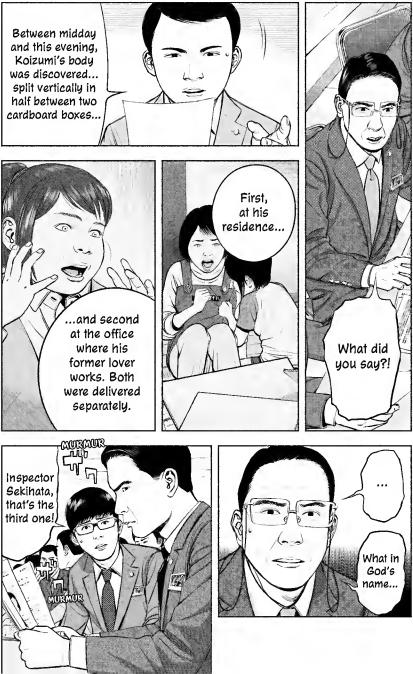
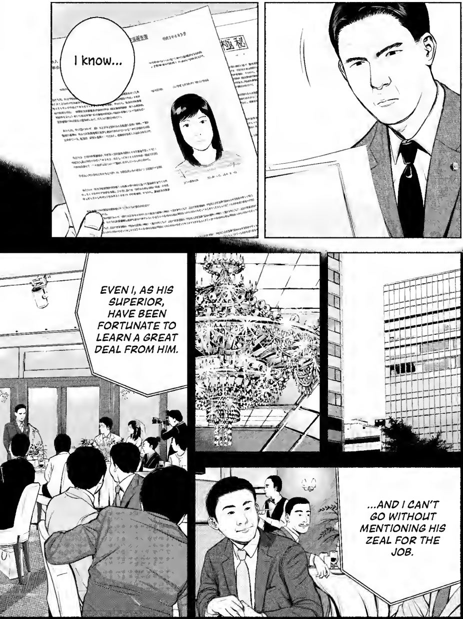
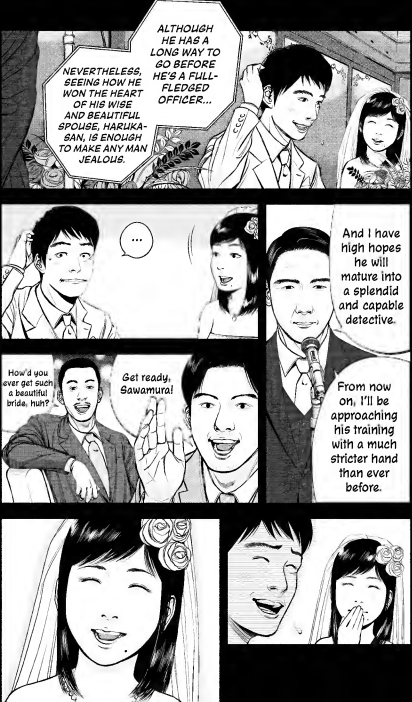

ザリ
FSHH
きのうの交通事故
死亡 1 人
やさしさが
走るこの街 この道路
Lay Judge Serial Murder Case
al
tigation
HQ
Based on the above...

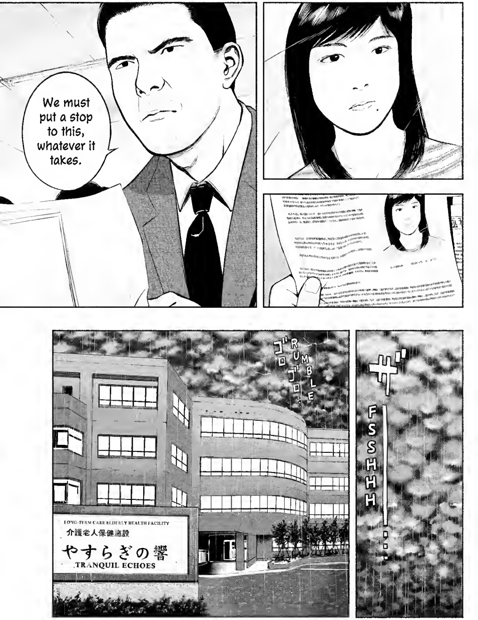

Concurrent with the investigation of the lay judge serial murders...
IT IS NECESSARY TO REOPEN EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY THE CASE OF SHIGERU OHASHI, WHO HUNG HIMSELF IN HIS HOSPITAL ROOM THIS FEBRUARY.
NOW FOR THE DIVISIONS OF THE INVESTIGATION...
幼女樹脂詰め殺人事件
被告人
大橋　茂（おおはし しげる）
生年月日
1983年　12月6日
所在地
SEKIHATA SQUAD.
YOU'LL PROBE OHASHI'S RELATIVES AS WELL AS CLOSE FRIENDS FOR POSSIBLE SUSPECTS.
Yes sir.

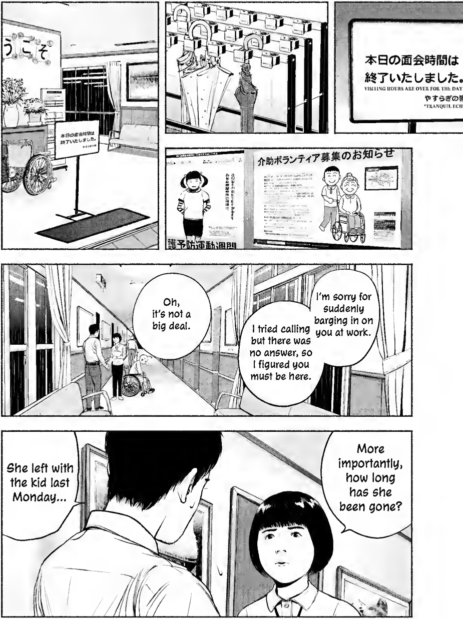

Itakura Squad
You'll gather witness statements from the vicinity of where Yuichi Tsutsumi was killed, as well as trace the killer's footsteps.
Yes sir!
Ogura Squad—
カリチャッ
CHACK
Please excuse me!
YOU'LL TRACE THE LEAKED INFORMATION ON THE LAY JUDGE TRIAL.
Hey you, we're in the middle of a meeting!
Huff. I'm... terribly sorry.
But I have urgent information!
Just tell us what it is.
Yes sir. You see...
It's the judge who was declared missing. Tsutomu Koizumi. His death has just been confirmed!

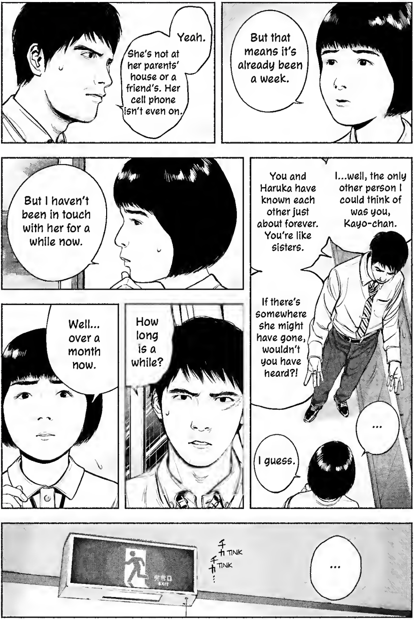

Between midday and this evening, Koizumi's body was discovered... split vertically in half between two cardboard boxes...
What did you say?!
First, at his residence...
...and second at the office where his former lover works. Both were delivered separately.
...
What in God's name...
MURMUR
Inspector Sekihata, that's the third one!
MURMUR

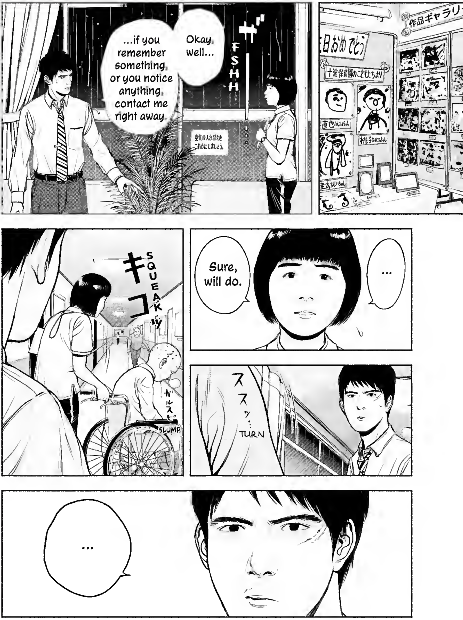

I know...
EVEN I, AS HIS SUPERIOR, HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO LEARN A GREAT DEAL FROM HIM.
...AND I CAN'T GO WITHOUT MENTIONING HIS ZEAL FOR THE JOB.

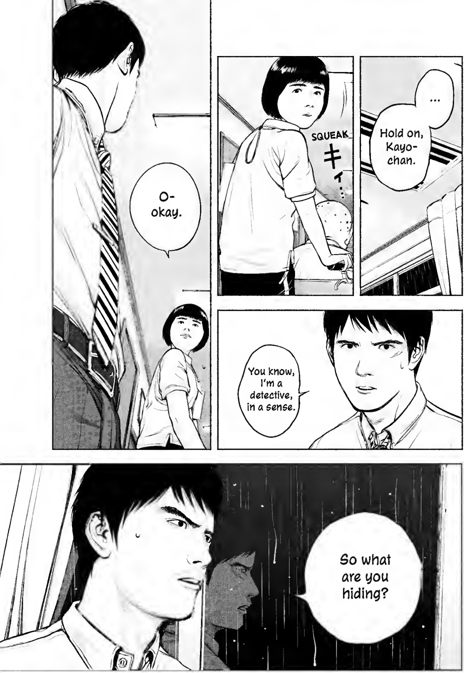

ALTHOUGH HE HAS A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE HE'S A FULL-FLEDGED OFFICER...
NEVERTHELESS, SEEING HOW HE WON THE HEART OF HIS WISE AND BEAUTIFUL SPOUSE, HARUKA-SAN, IS ENOUGH TO MAKE ANY MAN JEALOUS.
And I have high hopes he will mature into a splendid and capable detective.
From now on, I'll be approaching his training with a much stricter hand than ever before.
...
Get ready, Sawamura!
How'd you ever get such a beautiful bride, huh?

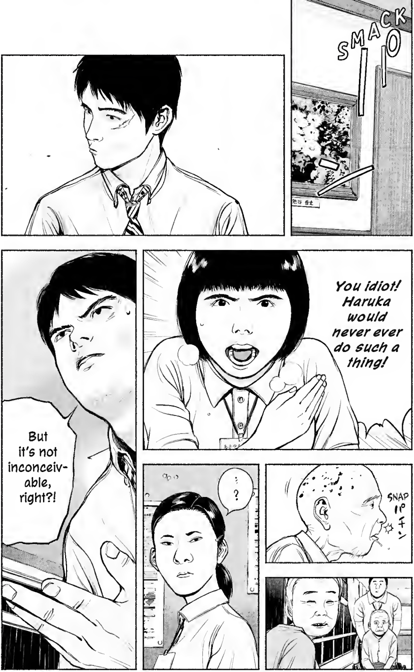

We must put a stop to this, whatever it takes.
ザー
FSSHHH...
ゴロゴロ...
RUMBLE
LONG-TERM CARE ELDERLY HEALTH FACILITY
介護老人保健施設
やすらぎの響
TRANQUIL ECHOES

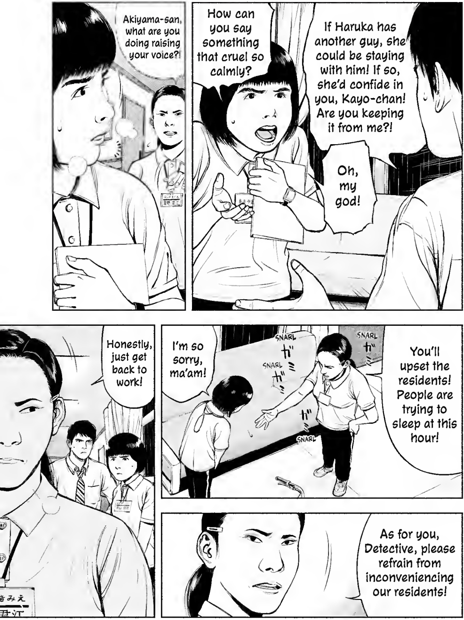

うこそ
本日の面会時間は
終了いたしました。
VISITING HOURS ARE OVER FOR THE DAY
やすらぎの
*TRANQUIL ECH
介助ボランティア募集のお知らせ
護予防運動週間
I'm sorry for suddenly barging in on you at work.
I tried calling but there was no answer, so I figured you must be here.
Oh, it's not a big deal.
More importantly, how long has she been gone?
She left with the kid last Monday...


Yeah.
She's not at her parents' house or a friend's. Her cell phone isn't even on.
But that means it's already been a week.
But I haven't been in touch with her for a while now.
I...well, the only other person I could think of was you, Kayo-chan.
You and Haruka have known each other just about forever. You're like sisters.
If there's somewhere she might have gone, wouldn't you have heard?!
How long is a while?
Well... over a month now.
...
I guess.
非常口
EXIT
チ TINK
チ TINK
...
...


作品ギャラリ
日おめでとう
十次保育園のこどもたちより
Okay, well…
…if you remember something, or you notice anything, contact me right away.
ザ FSHH
空気の入れ替えを こまめにしましょう。
…
Sure, will do.
ススッ… TURN
キコ SQUEAKY
ガルスピ SLUMP
…


...
Hold on, Kayo-chan.
SQUEAK
キィ…
O-okay.
You know, I'm a detective, in a sense.
So what are you hiding?


SMACK
You idiot! Haruka would never ever do such a thing!
But it's not inconceivable, right?!
SNAP パチン
…?


If Haruka has another guy, she could be staying with him! If so, she'd confide in you, Kayo-chan! Are you keeping it from me?!
Oh, my god!
How can you say something that cruel so calmly?
Akiyama-san, what are you doing raising your voice?!
You'll upset the residents! People are trying to sleep at this hour!
SNARL
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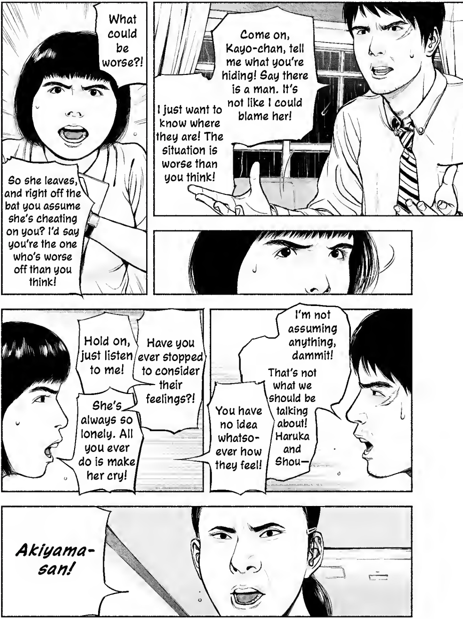
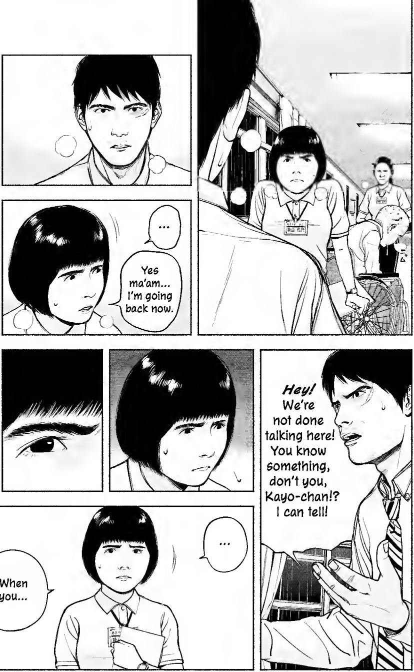
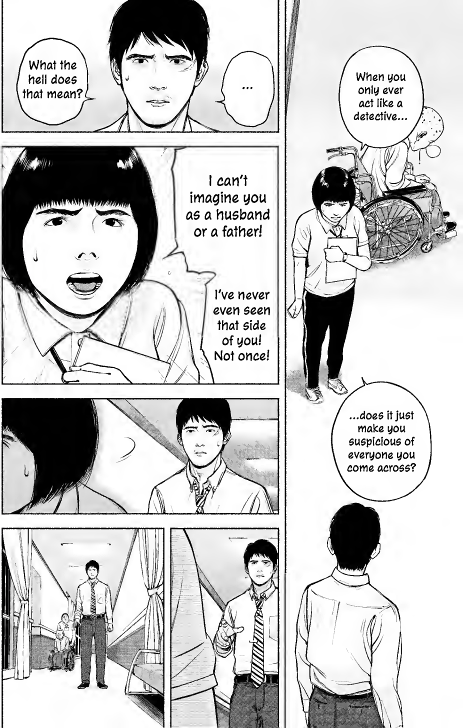
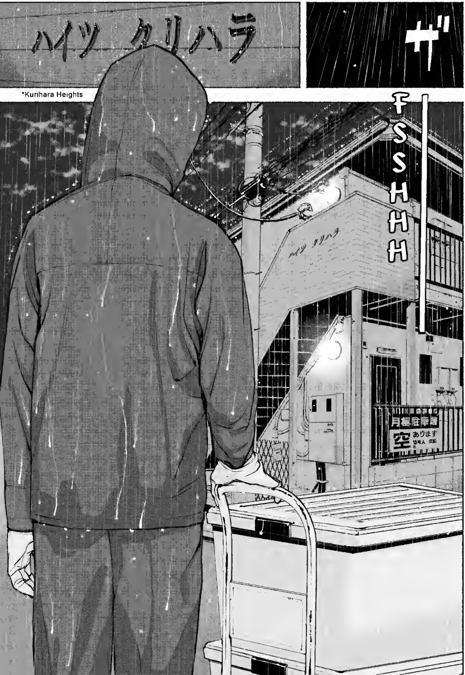
SNARL
SNARL
I'm so sorry, ma'am!
Honestly, just get back to work!
As for you, Detective, please refrain from inconveniencing our residents!

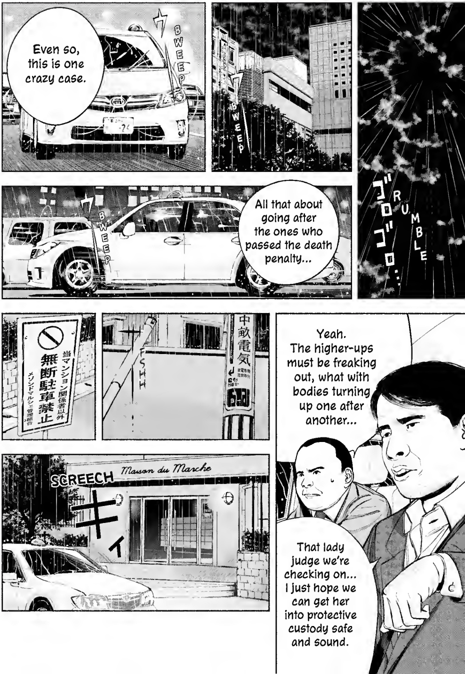

Come on, Kayo-chan, tell me what you're hiding! Say there is a man. It's not like I could blame her!
I just want to know where they are! The situation is worse than you think!
What could be worse?!
So she leaves, and right off the bat you assume she's cheating on you? I'd say you're the one who's worse off than you think!
I'm not assuming anything, dammit!
That's not what we should be talking about! Haruka and Shou—
You have no idea whatsoever how they feel!
Have you ever stopped to consider their feelings?!
Hold on, just listen to me!
She's always so lonely. All you ever do is make her cry!
Akiyama-san!

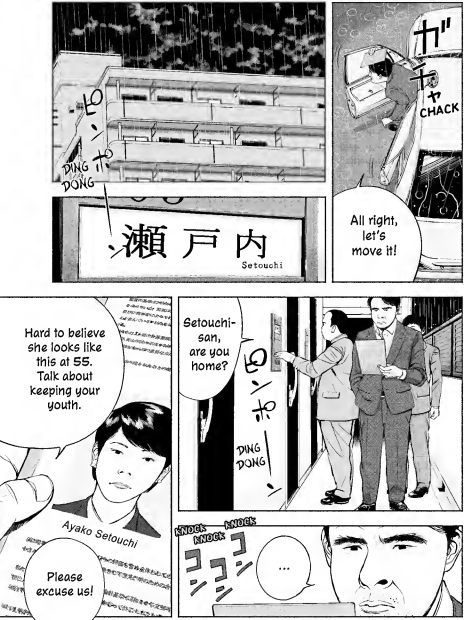

...
Yes ma'am... I'm going back now.
Hey! We're not done talking here! You know something, don't you, Kayo-chan!? I can tell!
...
When you...

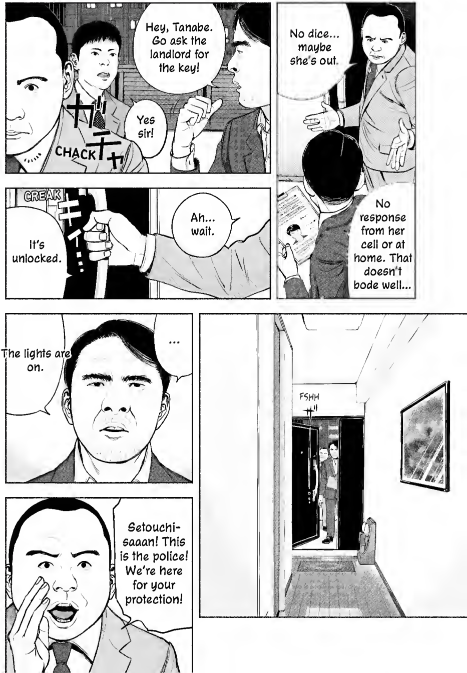

When you only ever act like a detective...
...does it just make you suspicious of everyone you come across?
...
What the hell does that mean?
I can't imagine you as a husband or a father!
I've never even seen that side of you! Not once!

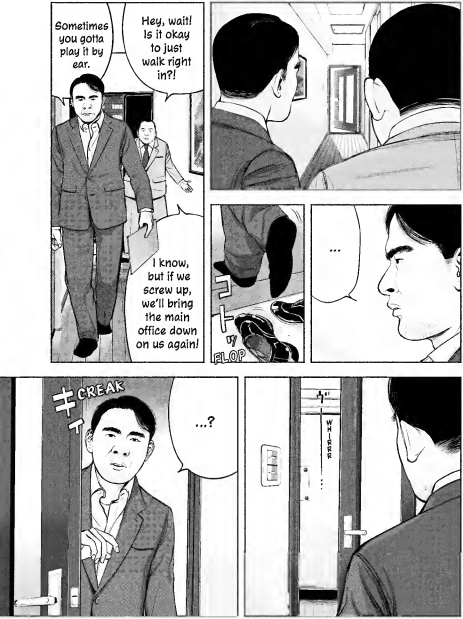

ザ
FSSHHH
ハイツ クリハラ
ハイツ クリハラ
月極駐車場
空 あります
管理人

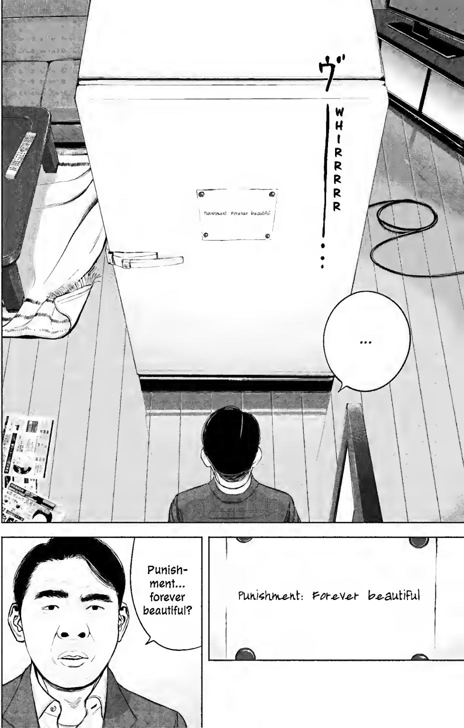
*Kurihara Heights


ゴロゴロ…
RUMBLE
ワ
BWEEP
ワ
BWEEP
Even so, this is one crazy case.
All that about going after the ones who passed the death penalty...
ワ
BWEEP
Yeah. The higher-ups must be freaking out, what with bodies turning up one after another...
That lady judge we're checking on... I just hope we can get her into protective custody safe and sound.
当マンション関係者以外
無断駐車禁止
メゾンドマルシェ管理組合
FSHH
中畝電気
Maison du Marche
SCREECH
キィ


ガチャ
CHACK
All right, let's move it!
ピンポ
DING DONG
瀬戸内
Setouchi
Setouchi-san, are you home?
ピンポーン
DING DONG
Hard to believe she looks like this at 55. Talk about keeping your youth.
Ayako Setouchi
…
コンコン
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
Please excuse us!


No dice... maybe she's out.
No response from her cell or at home. That doesn't bode well...
Hey, Tanabe. Go ask the landlord for the key!
Yes sir!
ガチャ
CHACK
Ah... wait.
CREAK
キイ…
It's unlocked.
FSHH
...
The lights are on.
Setouchi-saaan! This is the police! We're here for your protection!


Hey, wait! Is it okay to just walk right in?!
Sometimes you gotta play it by ear.
I know, but if we screw up, we'll bring the main office down on us again!
...
コトッ
FLOP
ヴ
WHIRRR
キィ
CREAK
...?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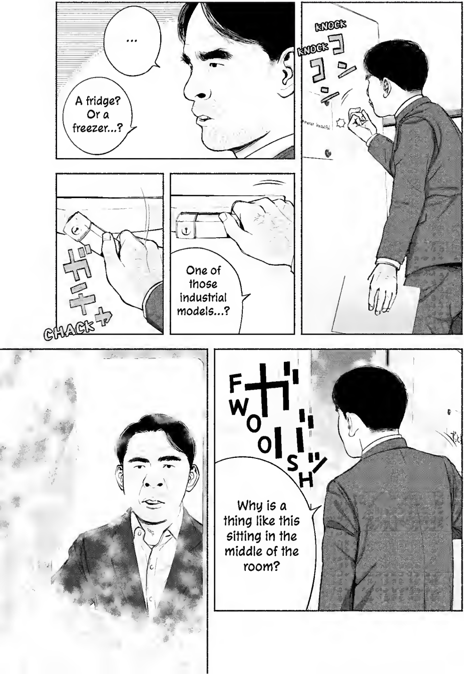
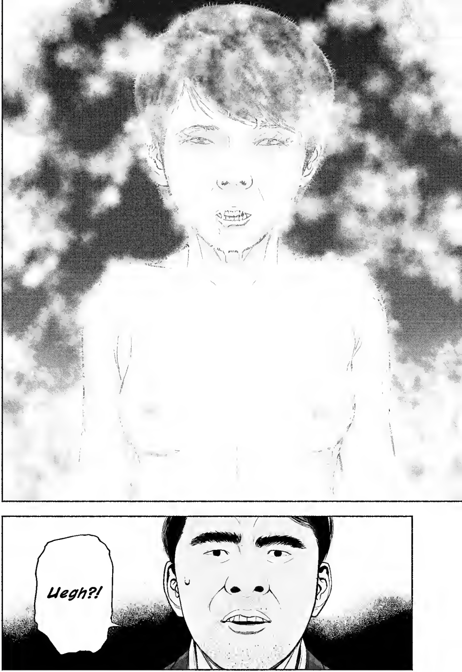
WHIRRRRR...
Punishment Forever beautiful
...
Punishment: Forever beautiful
Punishment... forever beautiful?


KNOCK
KNOCK
...
A fridge? Or a freezer...?
One of those industrial models...?
CHACK
FWOOSH
Why is a thing like this sitting in the middle of the room?



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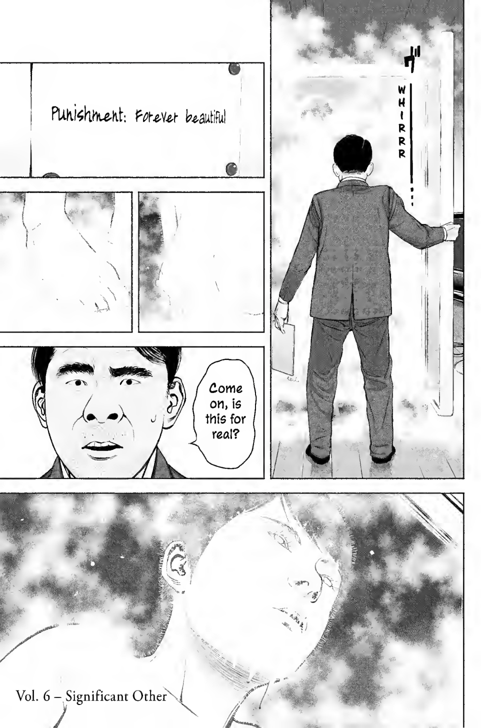
WHIRRR
Punishment: Forever beautiful
Come on, is this for real?

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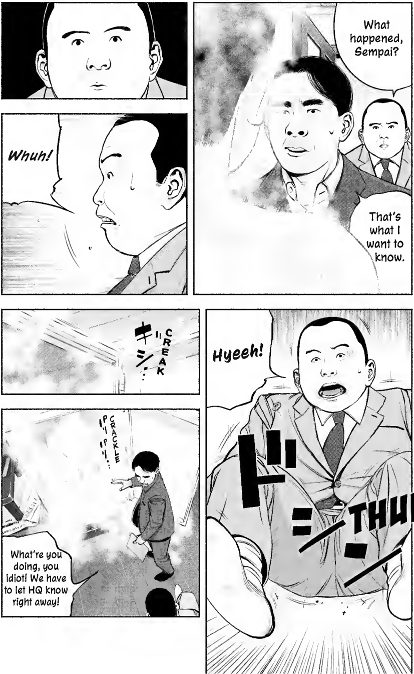
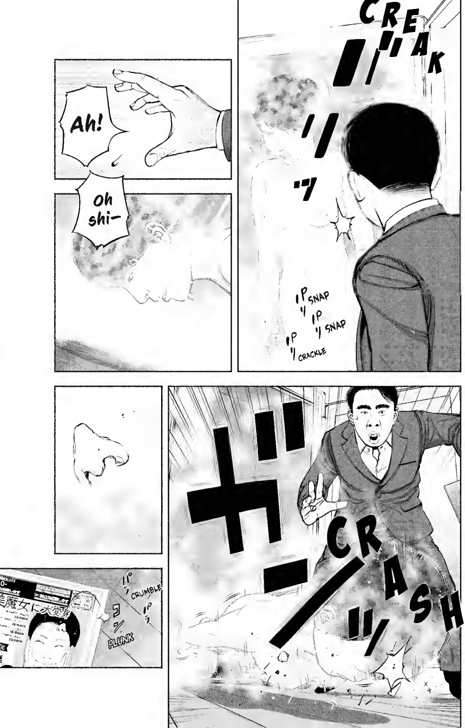
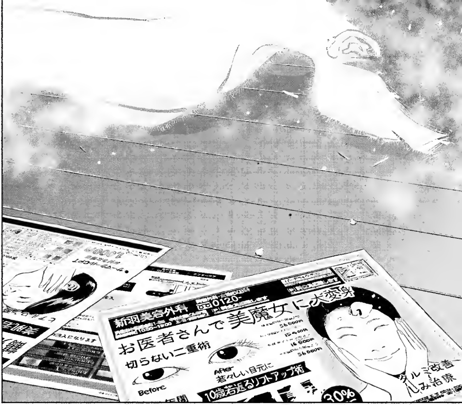
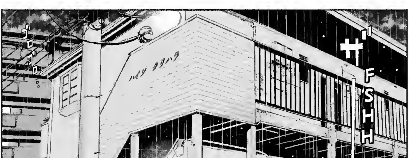

What happened, Sempai?
That's what I want to know.
Whuh!
Hyeeh!
ドン
THUD
CREAK
CRACKLE
What're you doing, you idiot! We have to let HQ know right away!


CREAK
SNAP
SNAP
CRACKLE
Ah!
Oh shi-
CRASH
CRUMBLE
PLUNK
美魔女に大変身


新羽美容外科
0120-
お医者さんで美魔女に大変身
切らない二重術
Before
After
若々しい目元に
10歳若返るリフトアップ術
タルミ改善
しみ治療
30%

*Our doctors will transform you into a truly bewitching beauty!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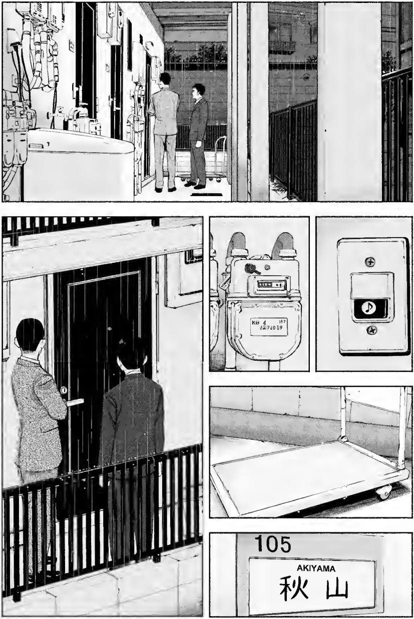
月極駐車場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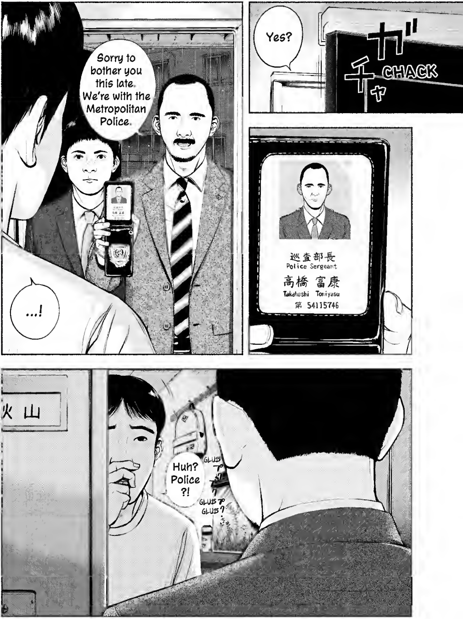
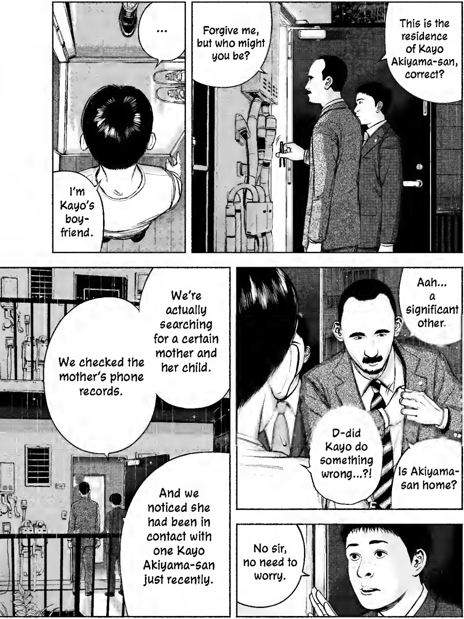
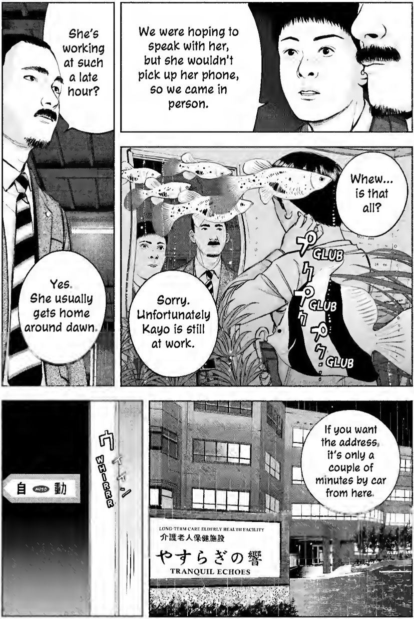
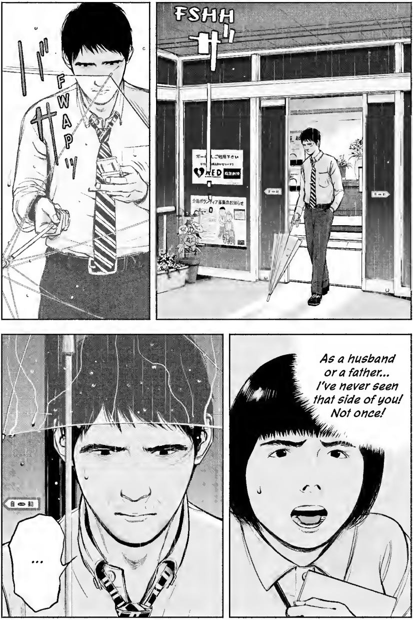
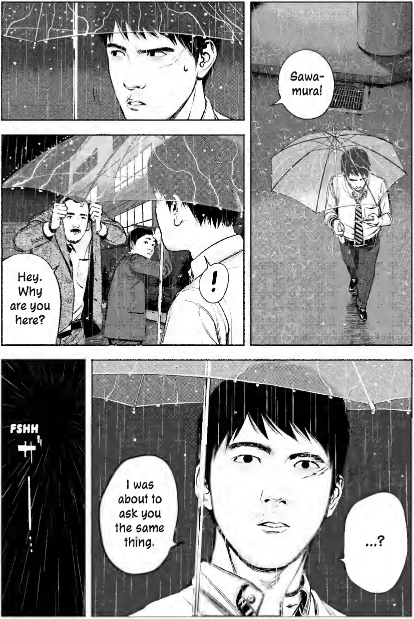
AKIYAMA
秋 山

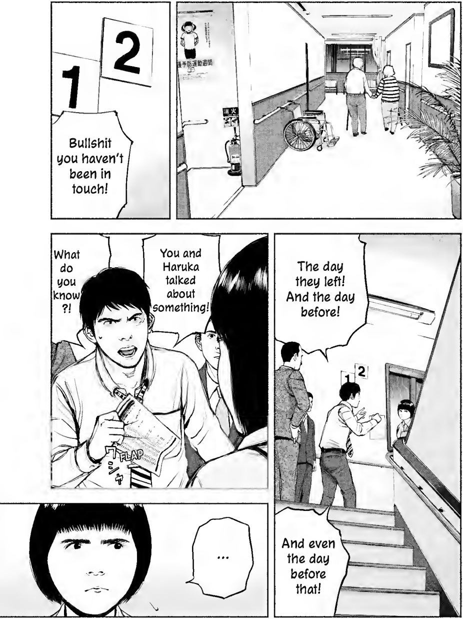

Yes?
ガチャ CHACK
Sorry to bother you this late. We're with the Metropolitan Police.
巡査部長
Police Sergeant
高橋 富康
Takahashi Tomiyasu
第 54115746
...!
火 山
Huh? Police ?!
GLUB ゴク
GLUB ゴク
GLUB ゴク

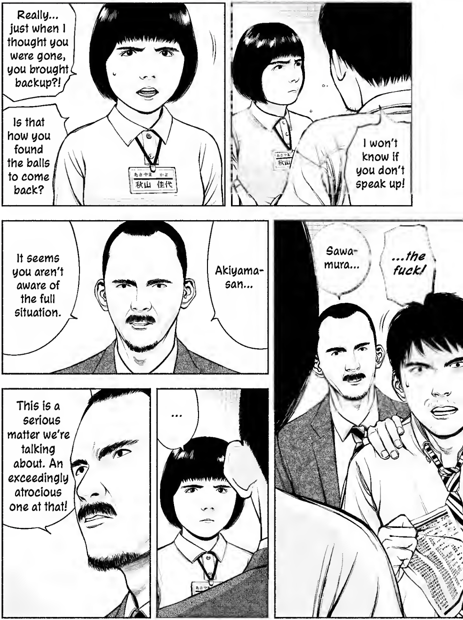

This is the residence of Kayo Akiyama-san, correct?
Forgive me, but who might you be?
...
I'm Kayo's boyfriend.
Aah... a significant other.
Is Akiyama-san home?
D-did Kayo do something wrong...?!
No sir, no need to worry.
We're actually searching for a certain mother and her child.
We checked the mother's phone records.
And we noticed she had been in contact with one Kayo Akiyama-san just recently.

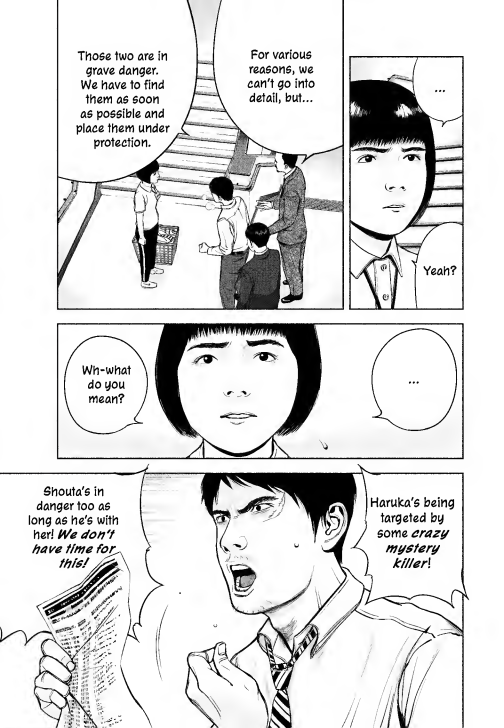

We were hoping to speak with her, but she wouldn't pick up her phone, so we came in person.
Whew... is that all?
Sorry. Unfortunately Kayo is still at work.
プクプクプク
GLUB GLUB GLUB
She's working at such a late hour?
Yes. She usually gets home around dawn.
If you want the address, it's only a couple of minutes by car from here.
LONG-TERM CARE ELDERLY HEALTH FACILITY
介護老人保健施設
やすらぎの響
TRANQUIL ECHOES
ウィーン
WHIRRR
自 AUTO 動

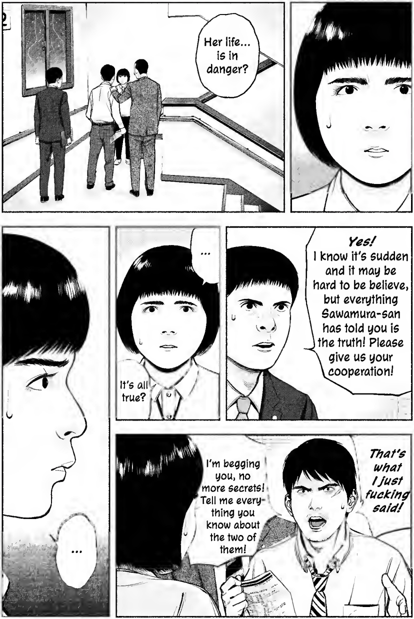

FSHH
サッ
AED
FWAP
バサッ
As a husband or a father... I've never seen that side of you! Not once!
自 動
...

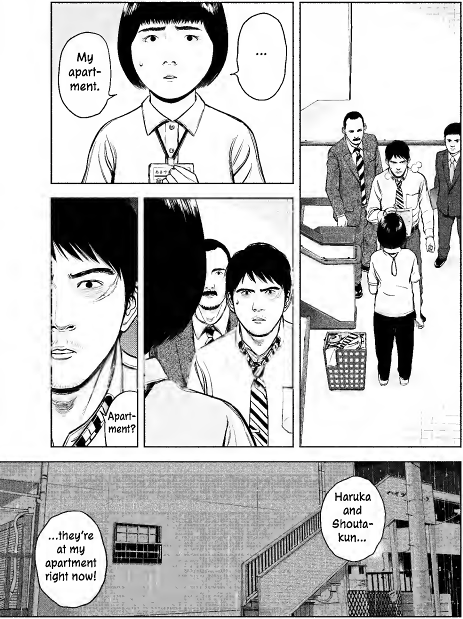

Sawa-mura!
!
Hey. Why are you here?
FSHH
…?
I was about to ask you the same thing.

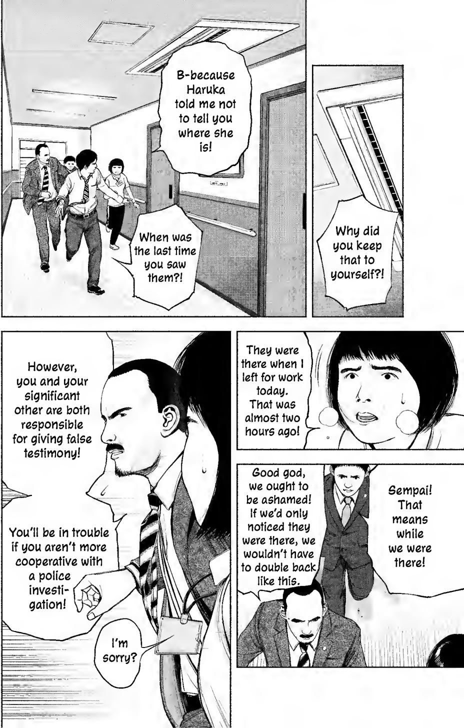

1
2
Bullshit you haven't been in touch!
消火
You and Haruka talked about something!
What do you know?!
FLAP
1
2
The day they left! And the day before!
And even the day before that!
...

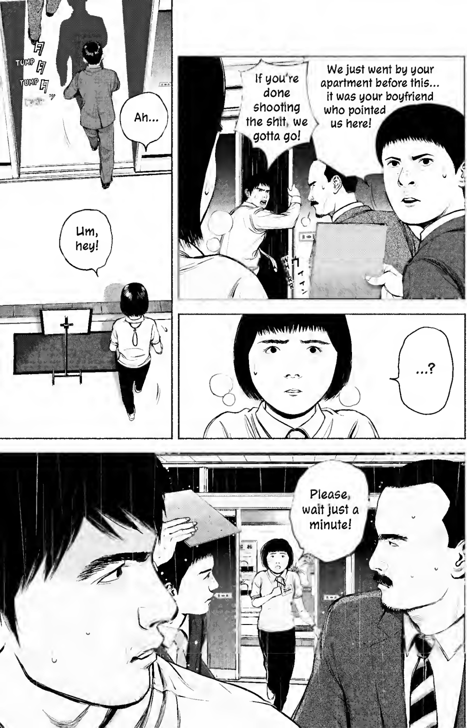

I won't know if you don't speak up!
Really... just when I thought you were gone, you brought backup?!
Is that how you found the balls to come back?
あきやま かよ
秋山 佳代
...the fuck!
Sawamura...
Akiyama-san...
It seems you aren't aware of the full situation.
...
This is a serious matter we're talking about. An exceedingly atrocious one at that!

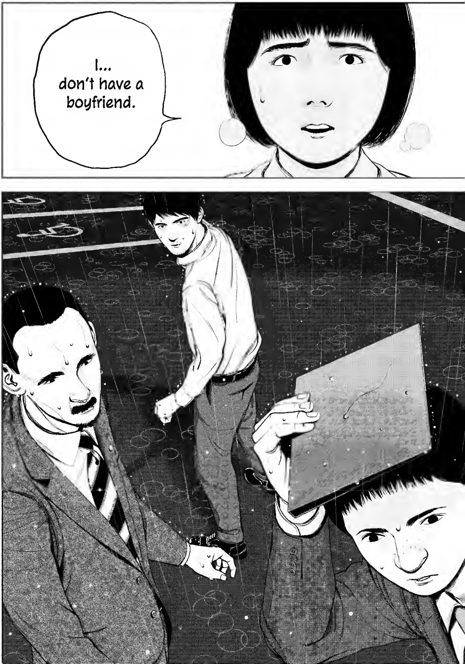

For various reasons, we can't go into detail, but...
Those two are in grave danger. We have to find them as soon as possible and place them under protection.
...
Yeah?
...
Wh-what do you mean?
Haruka's being targeted by some *crazy mystery killer*!
Shouta's in danger too as long as he's with her! *We don't have time for this!*

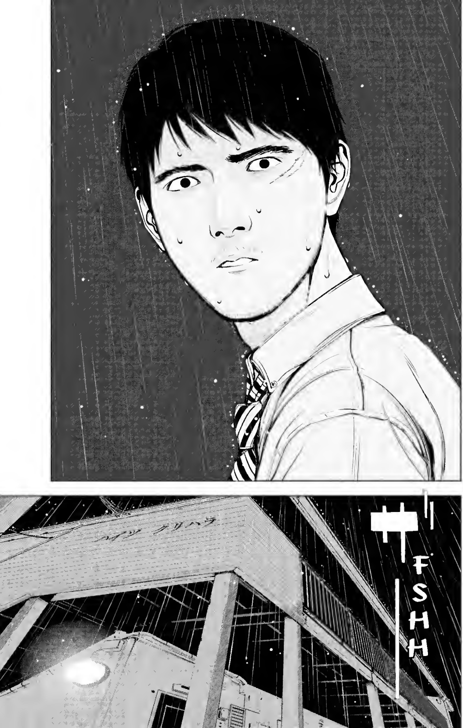

Her life... is in danger?
Yes! I know it's sudden and it may be hard to be believe, but everything Sawamura-san has told you is the truth! Please give us your cooperation!
...
It's all true?
That's what I just fucking said!
I'm begging you, no more secrets! Tell me everything you know about the two of them!
...

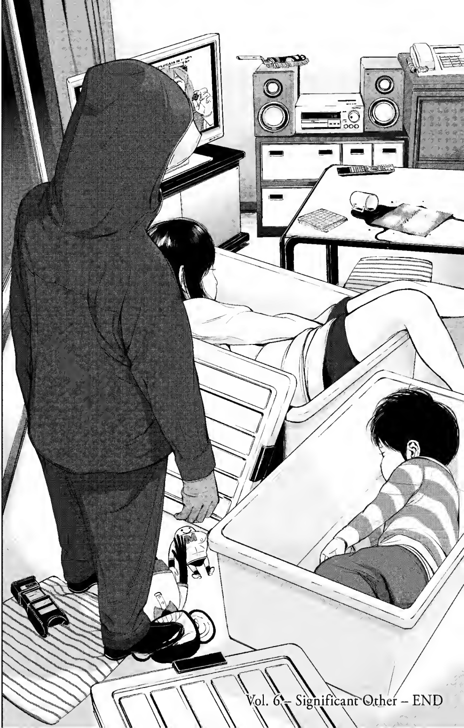

...
My apartment.
Apartment?
Haruka and Shouta-kun...
...they're at my apartment right now!


Why did you keep that to yourself?!
B-because Haruka told me not to tell you where she is!
When was the last time you saw them?!
They were there when I left for work today. That was almost two hours ago!
Sempai! That means while we were there!
Good god, we ought to be ashamed! If we'd only noticed they were there, we wouldn't have to double back like this.
However, you and your significant other are both responsible for giving false testimony!
You'll be in trouble if you aren't more cooperative with a police investigation!
I'm sorry?


We just went by your apartment before this... it was your boyfriend who pointed us here!
If you're done shooting the shit, we gotta go!
WHIRR
TUMP
TUMP
TUMP
Ah...
Um, hey!
...?
Please, wait just a minute!


I...
don't have a
boyfriend.


ハイツ クリハラ
ザー
FSHH



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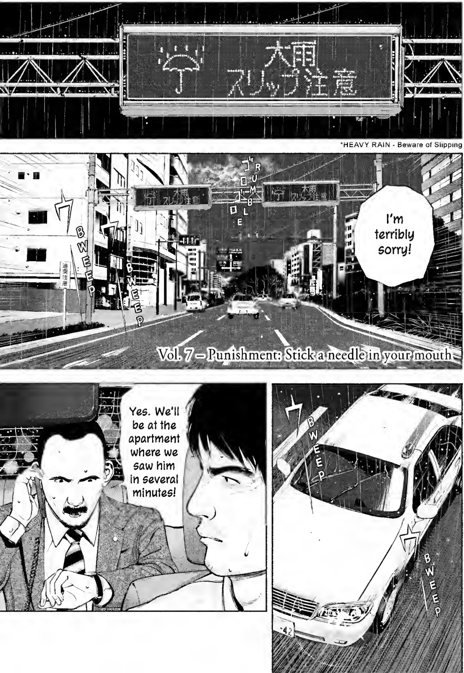
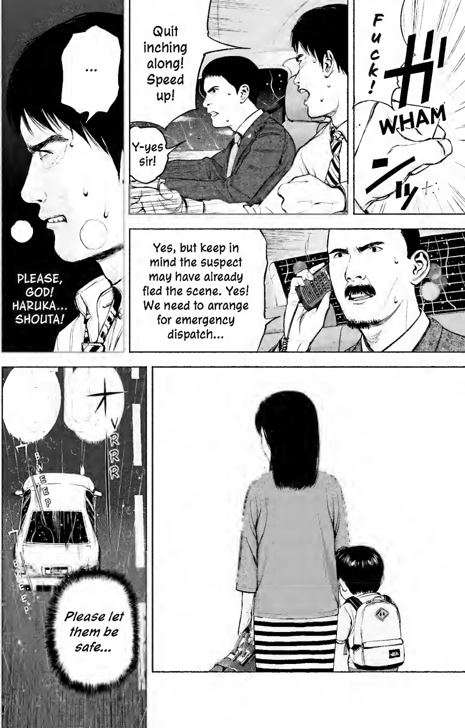
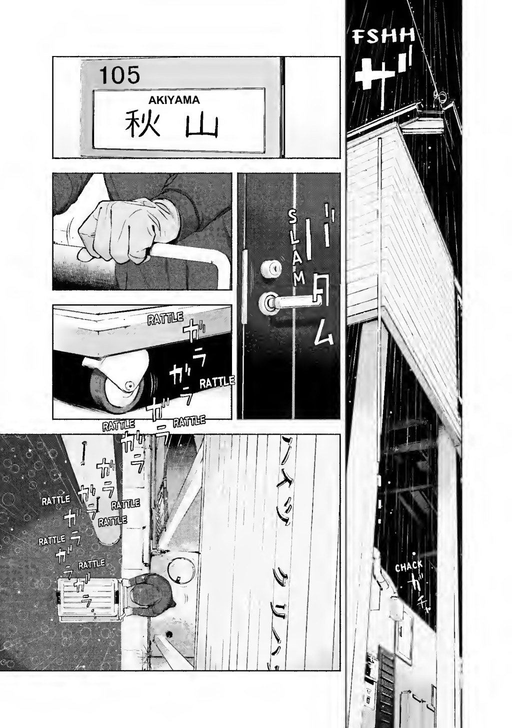

大雨
スリップ注意
*HEAVY RAIN - Beware of Slipping
I'm terribly sorry!
ゴロゴロ RUMBLE
BWEEP
BWEEP
大雨 スリップ注意
BWEEP
BWEEP
Yes. We'll be at the apartment where we saw him in several minutes!

Vol. 7 – Punishment: Stick a needle in your mouth


Fuck!
ガンッ
WHAM
Quit inching along! Speed up!
Y-yes sir!
...
PLEASE, GOD! HARUKA... SHOUTA!
Yes, but keep in mind the suspect may have already fled the scene. Yes! We need to arrange for emergency dispatch...
VRRR
BWEEP
BWEEP
Please let them be safe...


FSHH
ザー
CHACK
ガチャ
105
AKIYAMA
秋山
SLAM
バタム
RATTLE
ガラ
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ガラ
RATTLE
ガラ
RATTLE
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RATTLE
ガラ
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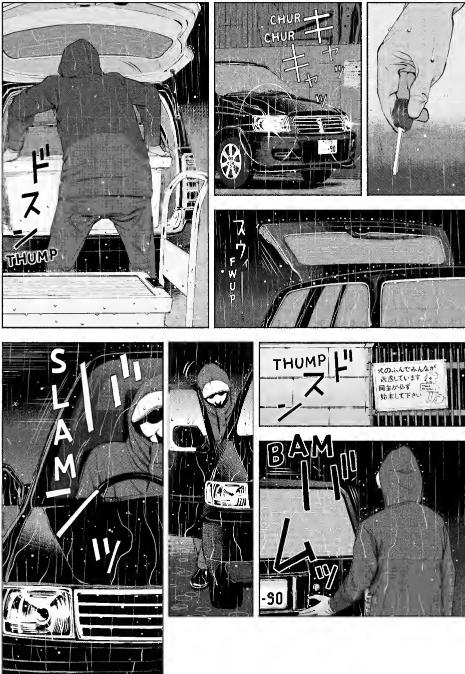
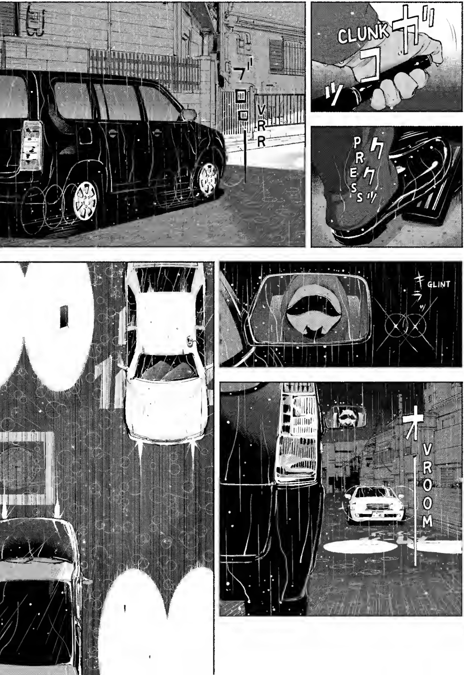
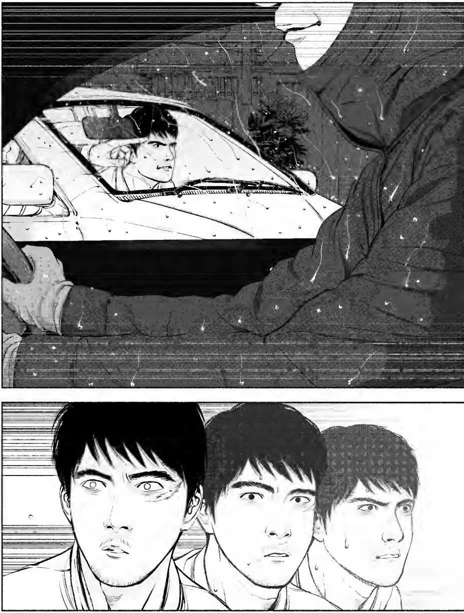
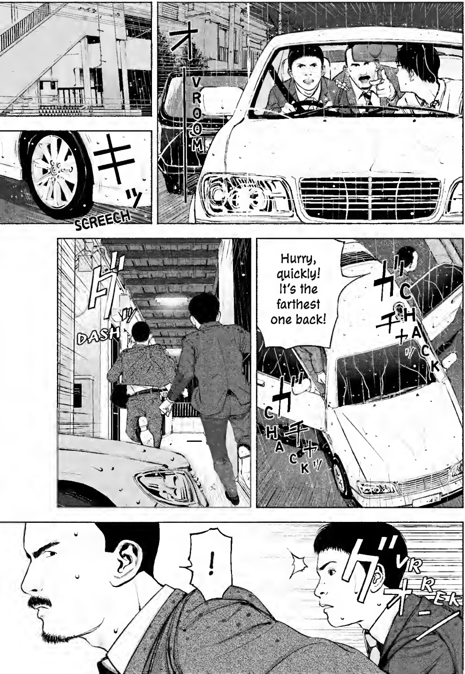
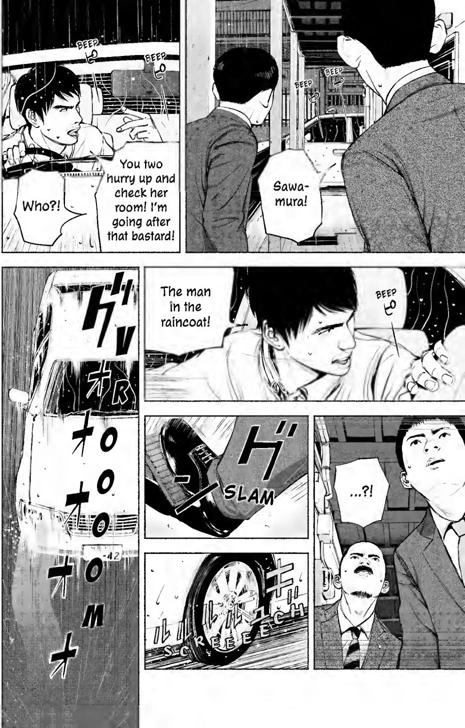
スイッ
シュン

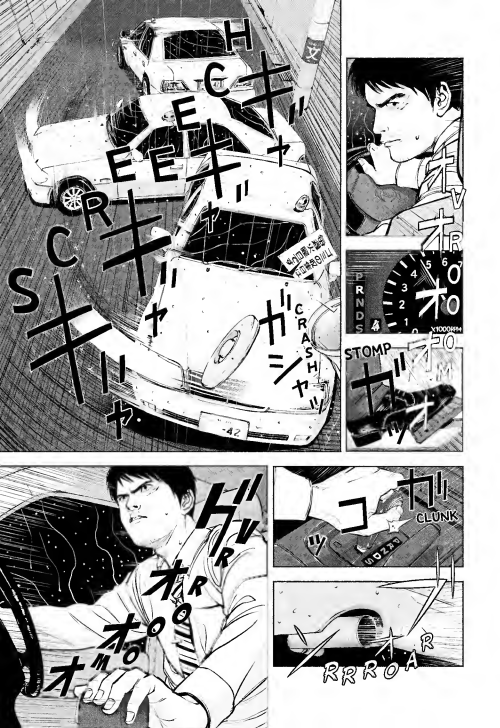

CHUR CHUR
キャキャッ
ドスン
THUMP
スウィ
FWUP
THUMP
ドスン
犬のふんでみんなが
迷惑しています
飼主が必ず
始末して下さい
BAM
バムッ
SLAM
バンッ


ガッ
CLUNK
コッ
ククッ
PRESS
ブロロロ
VRR
キラッ
GLINT
オ
VROOM

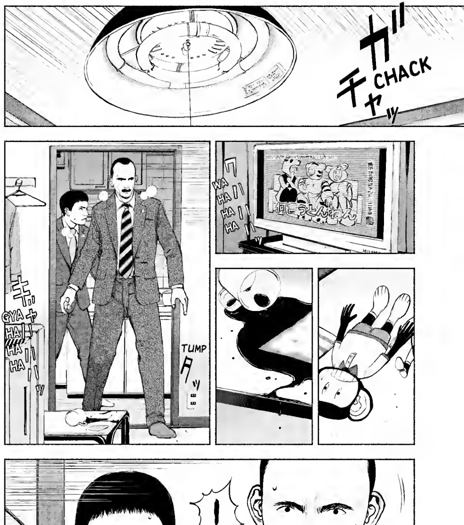


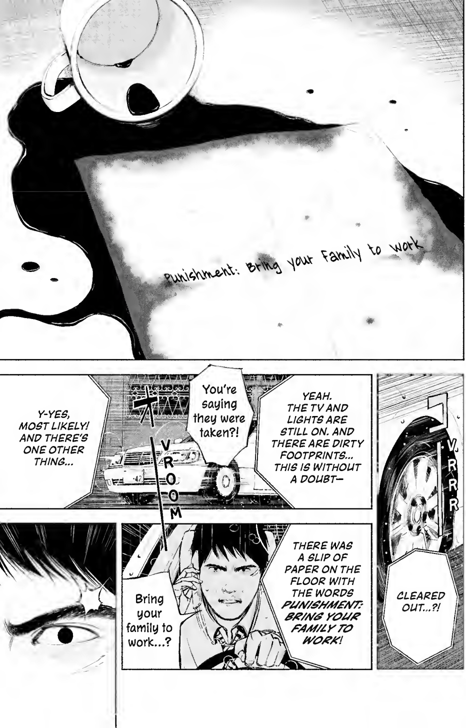

オ
VROOM
キッ
SCREECH
Hurry, quickly! It's the farthest one back!
ガチャッ
CHACK
ガチャッ
CHACK
ダッ
DASH
!
ヴォー
VRREK

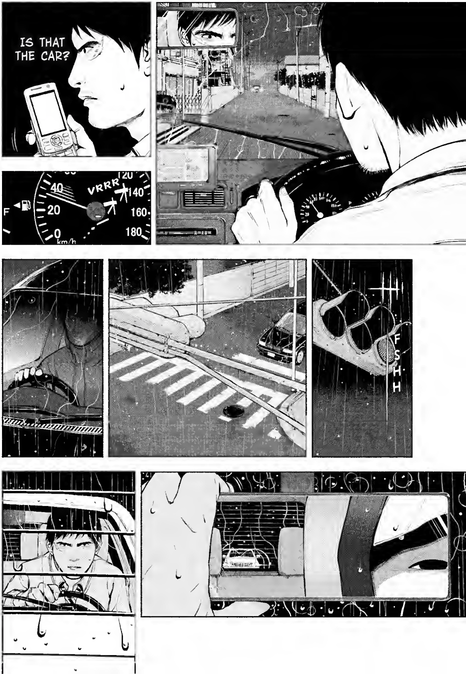

BEEP ピ
BEEP ピ
Sawa-mura!
BEEP ピ
BEEP ピ
You two hurry up and check her room! I'm going after that bastard!
Who?!
BEEP ピ
The man in the raincoat!
...?!
グ SLAM
キュルルル SCREEEECH
グォォォォォ VROOOOM

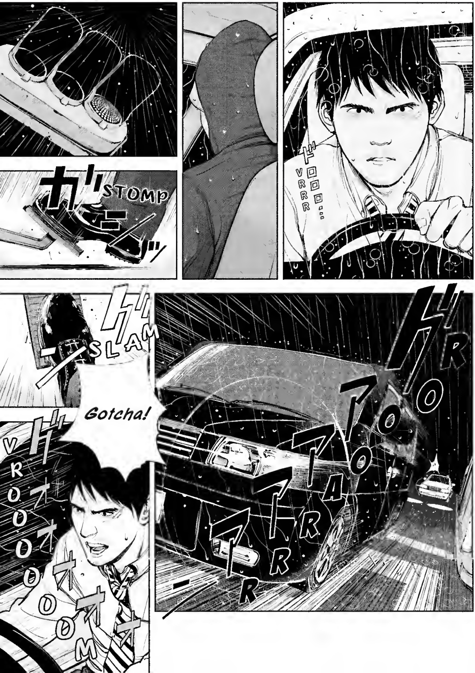


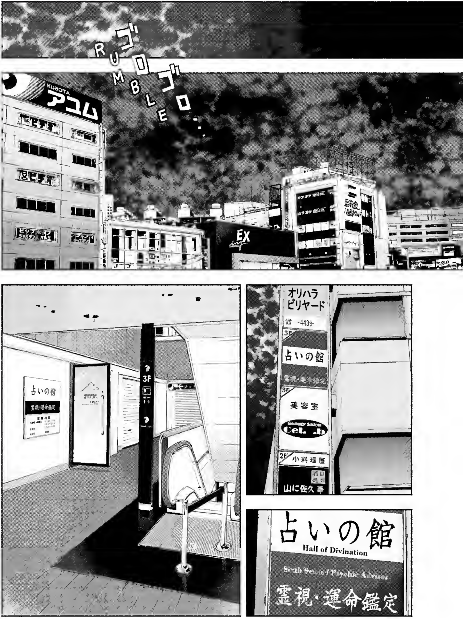
オオオオ VROOM
P R N D S 4
X1000RPM
ガッ STOMP
キィャ キィャ キィャ キィャ SCREECH
ガシャッ CRASH
文
ガコッ CLUNK
グオオオオ VROOOM
ブオオ RRROAR

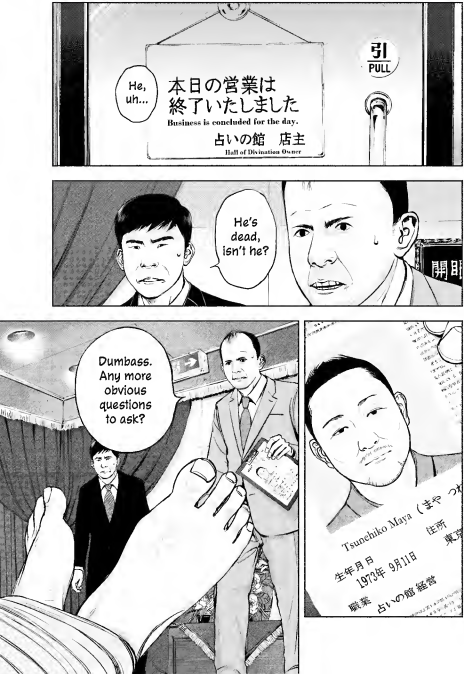

カチャッ
ガッ
CHACK
ワハハハハッ
WA HA HA HA
何たうとんねん
ギャハハハハッ
GYA HA HA HA
TUMP
タッ
!

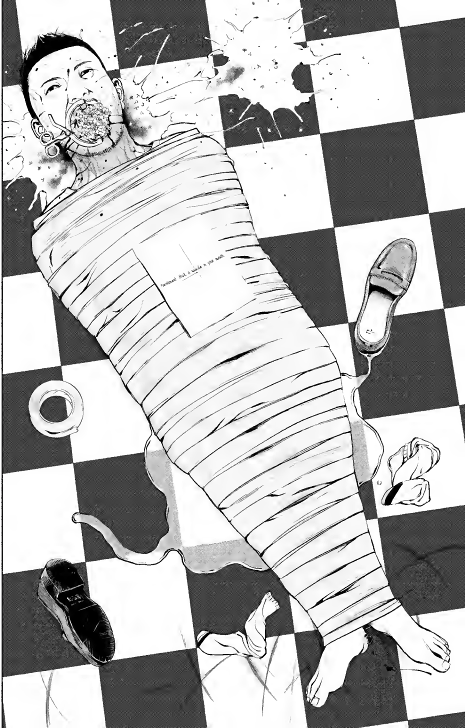

Punishment: Bring your family to work
VRRR
CLEARED OUT...?!
YEAH. THE TV AND LIGHTS ARE STILL ON. AND THERE ARE DIRTY FOOTPRINTS... THIS IS WITHOUT A DOUBT—
You're saying they were taken?!
VROOM
Y-YES, MOST LIKELY! AND THERE'S ONE OTHER THING...
THERE WAS A SLIP OF PAPER ON THE FLOOR WITH THE WORDS PUNISHMENT: BRING YOUR FAMILY TO WORK!
Bring your family to work...?

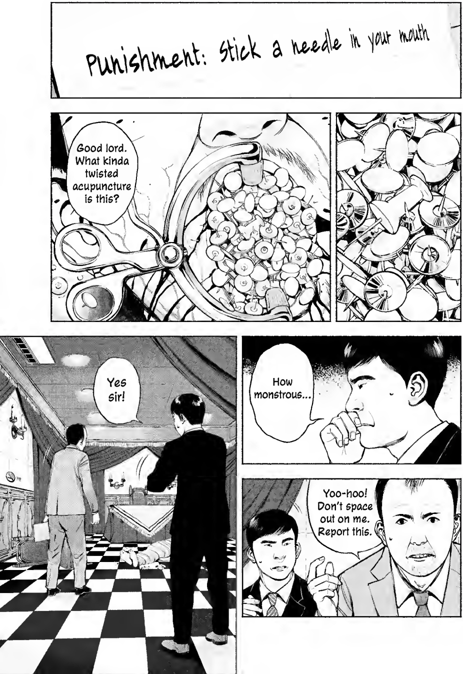

IS THAT THE CAR?
VRRR
FSHH

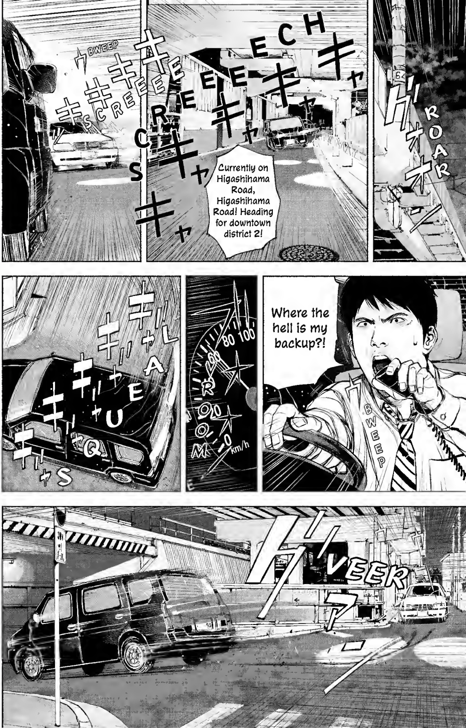

ドロロロ‥
VRRR
ガッ
STOMP
ドアアア
ROOAARRR
グッ
SLAM
Gotcha!
ダーオオオ
VROOOOOOM

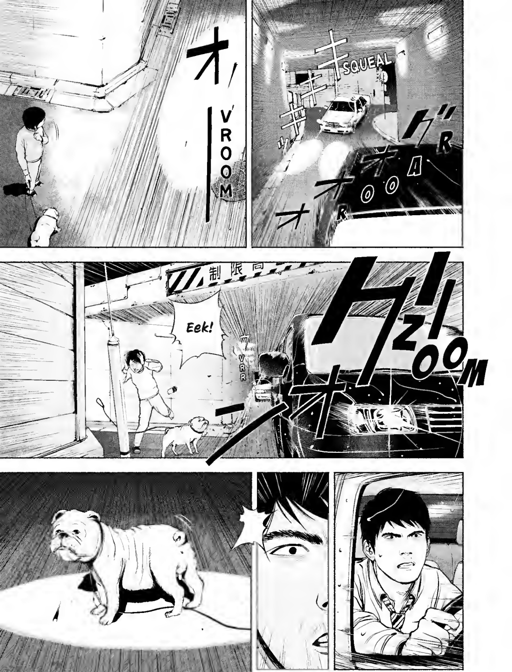

ゴロゴロ…
RUMBLE
KUBOTA
アユム
EX
オリハラ
ビリヤード
☎ -4439-
3F
占いの館
霊視・運命鑑定
3F
美容室
Beauty Salon
Cel. .b
2F
小料理屋
山に佐久
占いの館
Hall of Divination
Sixth Sense / Psychic Advisor
霊視・運命鑑定

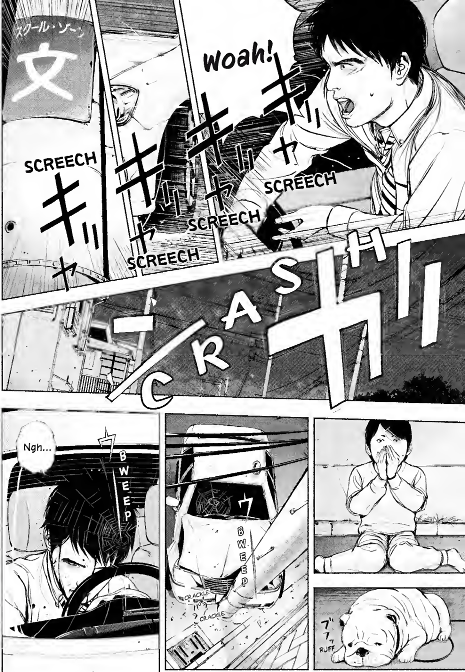

引
PULL
本日の営業は終了いたしました
Business is concluded for the day.
占いの館　店主
Hall of Divination Owner
He, uh...
He's dead, isn't he?
開
Tsunehiko Maya （まや つね
住所
東京
生年月日 1973年 9月11日
職業 占いの館 経営
Dumbass. Any more obvious questions to ask?


Punishment: Stick a needle in your mouth


Punishment: Stick a needle in your mouth
Good lord. What kinda twisted acupuncture is this?
How monstrous...
Yoo-hoo! Don't space out on me. Report this.
Yes sir!


ガオオ ROAR
キャキャキャキャ SCREEEECH
Currently on Higashihama Road, Higashihama Road! Heading for downtown district 2!
ウ BWEEP
キキキ SCREEEECH
Where the hell is my backup?!
ウ BWEEP
ブオ VROOOM
80
100
60
40
20
0
km/h
キュキュキュ SQUEAL
ドリ VEER


キキキ
SQUEAL
ギギギ
グオオオ
ROAR
オ
VROOM
制限高
Eek!
VRR
グオ
ZOOM


Woah!
スクール・ゾーン
文
キキキキッ
SCREECH
SCREECH
SCREECH
SCREECH
CRASH
ガッ
ブフッ
RUFF
ワ
BWEEP
CRACKLE
パキ
CRACKLE
Ngh...
ワ
BWEEP

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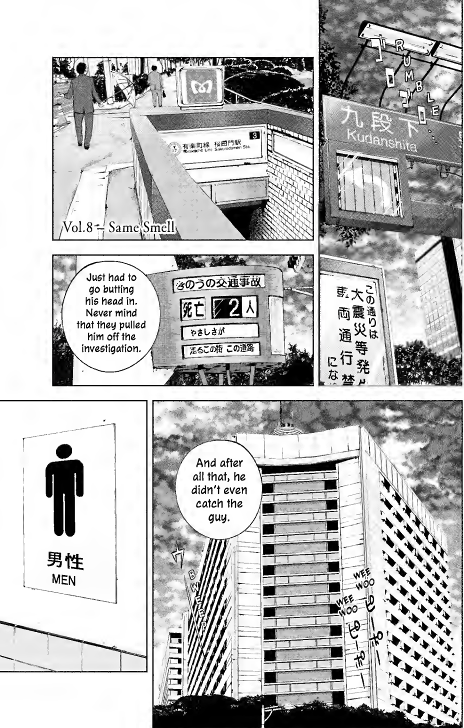
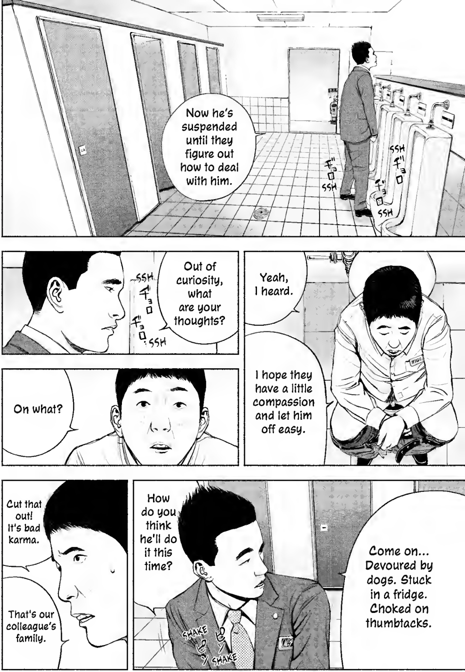
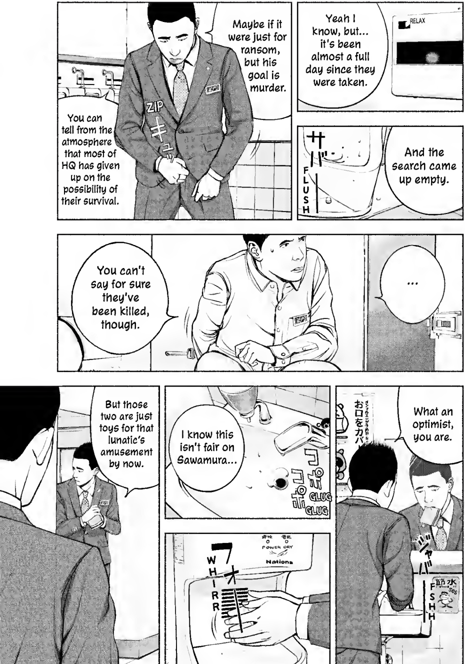
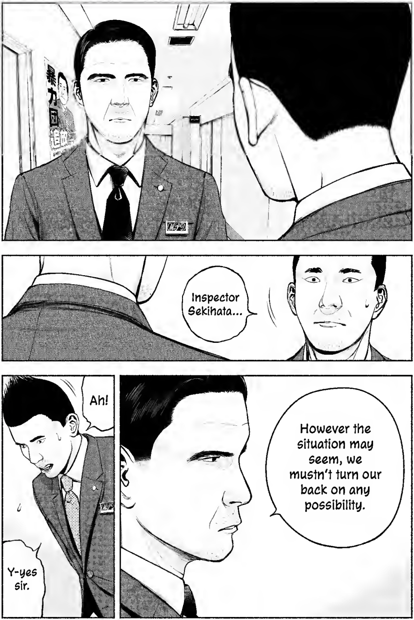
Museum
THE SERIAL KILLER
IS LAUGHING IN THE RAIN.

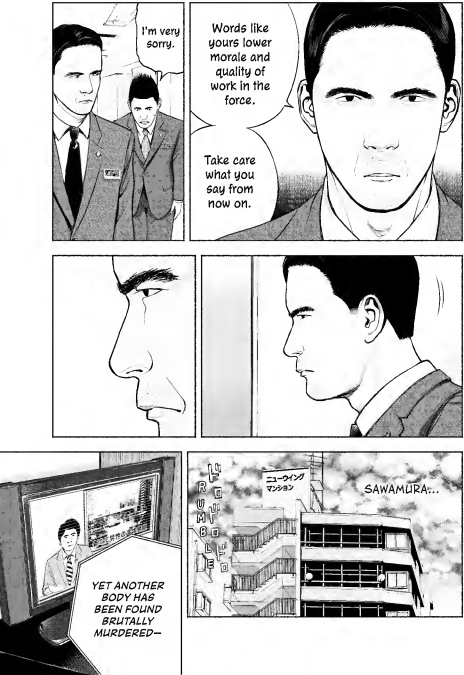
MUSEUM
The serial killer is laughing in the rain.

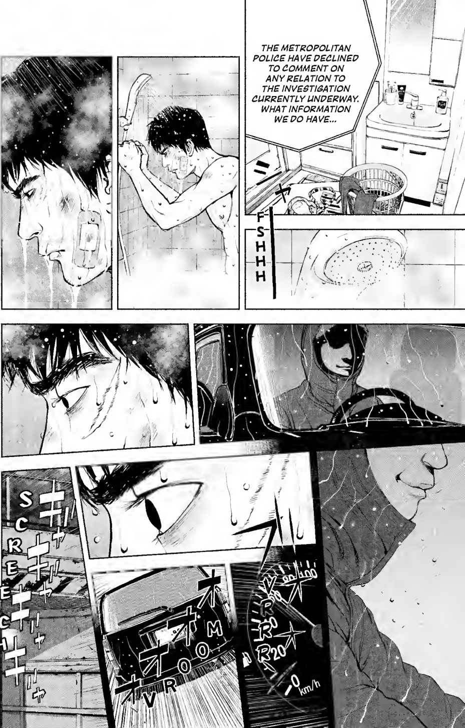

Vol.8 – Same Smell
有楽町線 桜田門駅 3
Yurakucho Line Sakuradamon Sta.
九段下
Kudanshita
RUMBLE
ゴロゴロ
Just had to go butting his head in. Never mind that they pulled him off the investigation.
きのうの交通事故
死亡 2人
やさしさが
走るこの街 この道路
この通りは大震災等発生
車両通行禁止
にな
男性
MEN
And after all that, he didn't even catch the guy.
BWEEP
ウ
WEE WOO
ピーポー
WEE WOO
ピーポー

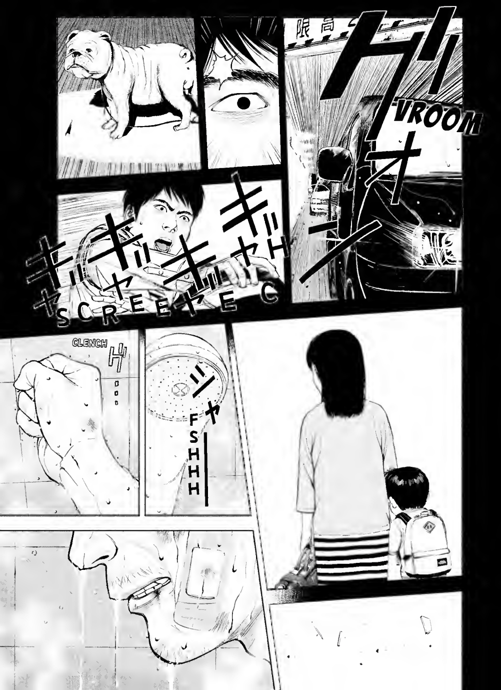

Now he's suspended until they figure out how to deal with him.
SSH ギョロ
SSH ギョロ
ギョロ SSH
Yeah, I heard.
I hope they have a little compassion and let him off easy.
Out of curiosity, what are your thoughts?
SSH ギョロ
ギョロ SSH
On what?
Come on... Devoured by dogs. Stuck in a fridge. Choked on thumbtacks.
How do you think he'll do it this time?
SHAKE ピク
ピク SHAKE
Cut that out! It's bad karma.
That's our colleague's family.

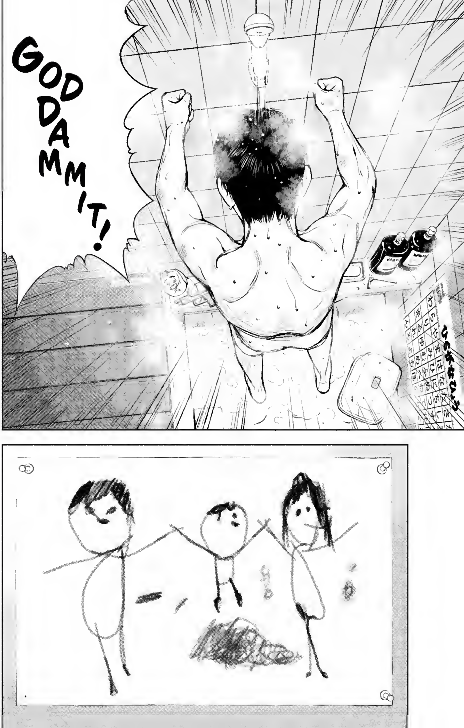

RELAX
Yeah I know, but... it's been almost a full day since they were taken.
サバー FLUSH
And the search came up empty.
Maybe if it were just for ransom, but his goal is murder.
キュッ ZIP
You can tell from the atmosphere that most of HQ has given up on the possibility of their survival.
...
You can't say for sure they've been killed, though.
What an optimist, you are.
お口をカバ
ジャバ FSHH
節水 SOS
コポコポ GLUG GLUG
I know this isn't fair on Sawamura...
POWER DRY
Nationa
ゴオー WHIRR
But those two are just toys for that lunatic's amusement by now.

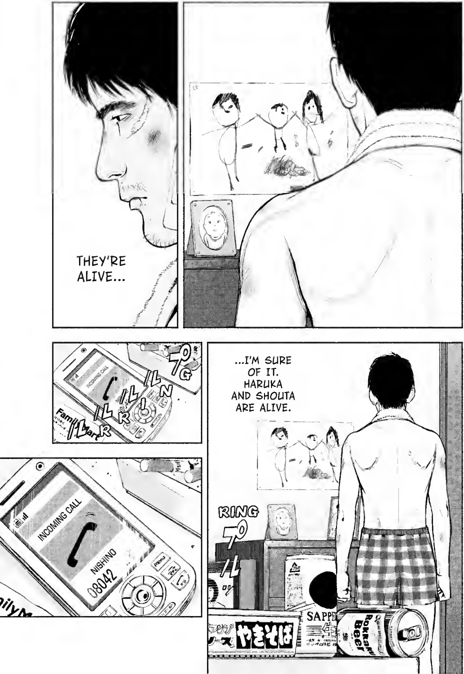

暴力団追放
Inspector Sekihata...
However the situation may seem, we mustn't turn our back on any possibility.
Ah!
Y-yes sir.

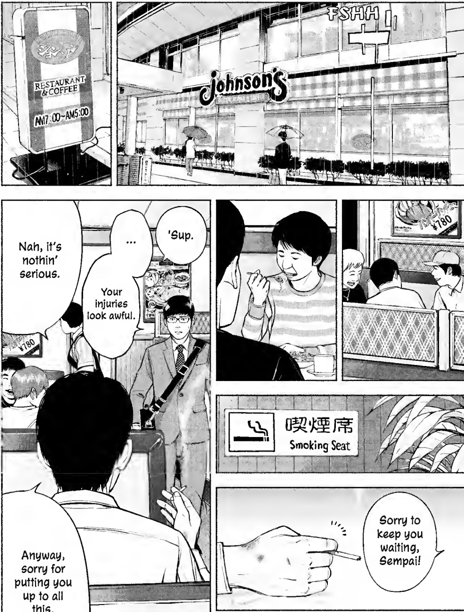

Words like yours lower morale and quality of work in the force.
Take care what you say from now on.
I'm very sorry.
ニューウイング マンション
ドロロロドロドロ
RUMBLE
SAWAMURA...
新たに男性の遺体発見
YET ANOTHER BODY HAS BEEN FOUND BRUTALLY MURDERED—


THE METROPOLITAN POLICE HAVE DECLINED TO COMMENT ON ANY RELATION TO THE INVESTIGATION CURRENTLY UNDERWAY. WHAT INFORMATION WE DO HAVE...
ジャ
FSHHH
VRRR
80
100
20
0 km/h
オオオオ
VROOM
キキキキ
SCREEECH


限高
グオー
VROOM
ギャッキャッギャッキャ
SCREEEECH
ギュ…
CLENCH
シャー
FSHHH


GOD DAMMIT!
ひらがなひょう


THEY'RE ALIVE...
...I'M SURE OF IT. HARUKA AND SHOUTA ARE ALIVE.
RING
INCOMING CALL
RING
RING
RING
INCOMING CALL
NISHINO
08042
SAPPORO
Rokkaku Beer
やきそば


FSHH
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RESTAURANT & COFFEE
AM7:00~AM5:00
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喫煙席
Smoking Seat
Sorry to keep you waiting, Sempai!
'Sup.
...
Your injuries look awful.
Nah, it's nothin' serious.
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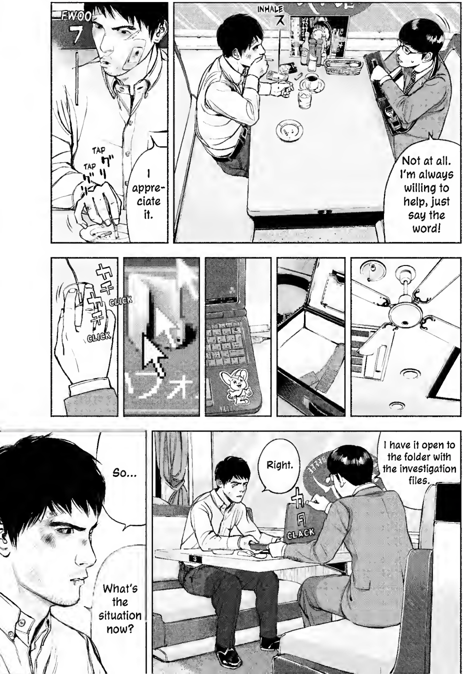
Anyway, sorry for putting you up to all this.


FWOO
7
TAP
TAP
I appreciate it.
INHALE
ス
Not at all. I'm always willing to help, just say the word!
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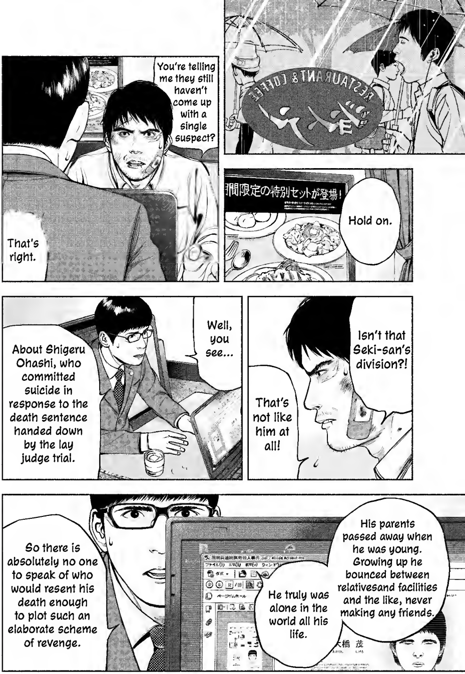
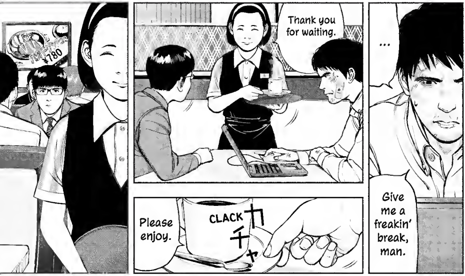
CLICK
カチ
CLICK
I have it open to the folder with the investigation files.
Right.
カタ
CLACK
So...
What's the situation now?

RESTAURANT & COFFEE
You're telling me they still haven't come up with a single suspect?
That's right.
間限定の特別セットが登場！
Hold on.
Isn't that Seki-san's division?!
That's not like him at all!
Well, you see...
About Shigeru Ohashi, who committed suicide in response to the death sentence handed down by the lay judge trial.
His parents passed away when he was young. Growing up he bounced between relativesand facilities and the like, never making any friends.
He truly was alone in the world all his life.
So there is absolutely no one to speak of who would resent his death enough to plot such an elaborate scheme of revenge.
大橋 茂


...
Thank you for waiting.
CLACK
カチャ
Please enjoy.
Give me a freakin' break, man.
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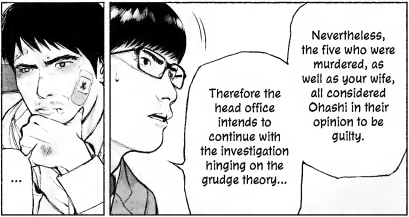
Nevertheless, the five who were murdered, as well as your wife, all considered Ohashi in their opinion to be guilty.
Therefore the head office intends to continue with the investigation hinging on the grudge theory...
...

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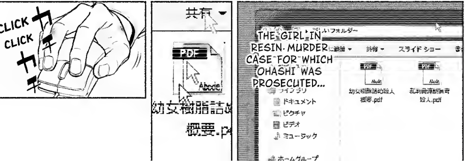
THE GIRL IN RESIN MURDER CASE FOR WHICH OHASHI WAS PROSECUTED...
フォルダー
追加
共有
スライドショー
ライブラリ
ドキュメント
ピクチャ
ビデオ
ミュージック
ホームグループ
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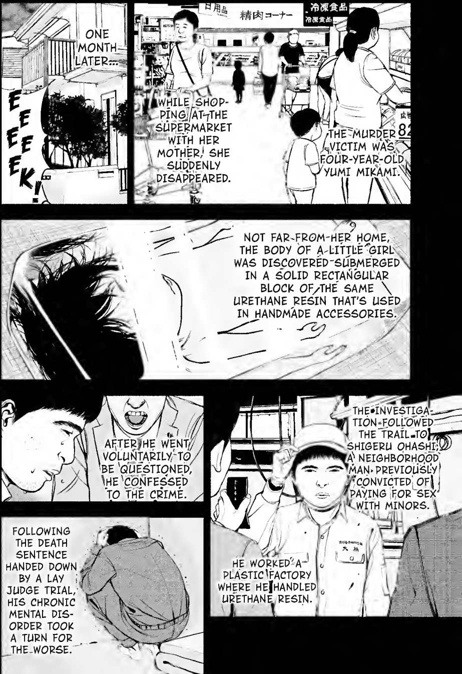
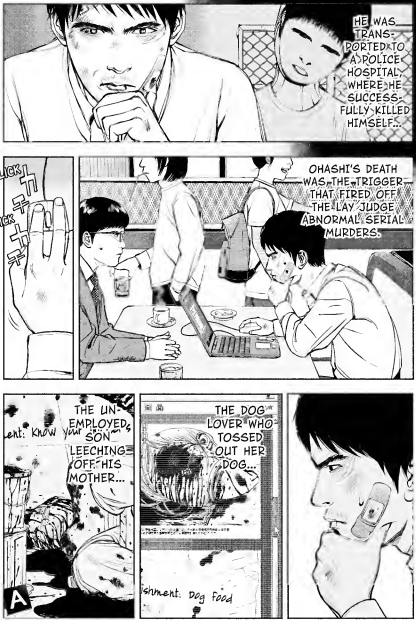


冷凍食品
精肉コーナー
日用品
THE MURDER VICTIM WAS FOUR-YEAR-OLD YUMI MIKAMI.
WHILE SHOPPING AT THE SUPERMARKET WITH HER MOTHER, SHE SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED.
ONE MONTH LATER...
EEEEK!
NOT FAR FROM HER HOME, THE BODY OF A LITTLE GIRL WAS DISCOVERED SUBMERGED IN A SOLID RECTANGULAR BLOCK OF THE SAME URETHANE RESIN THAT'S USED IN HANDMADE ACCESSORIES.
THE INVESTIGATION FOLLOWED THE TRAIL TO SHIGERU OHASHI, A NEIGHBORHOOD MAN PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF PAYING FOR SEX WITH MINORS.
HE WORKED A PLASTIC FACTORY WHERE HE HANDLED URETHANE RESIN.
AFTER HE WENT VOLUNTARILY TO BE QUESTIONED, HE CONFESSED TO THE CRIME.
FOLLOWING THE DEATH SENTENCE HANDED DOWN BY A LAY JUDGE TRIAL, HIS CHRONIC MENTAL DISORDER TOOK A TURN FOR THE WORSE.


HE WAS TRANSPORTED TO A POLICE HOSPITAL, WHERE HE SUCCESSFULLY KILLED HIMSELF...
OHASHI'S DEATH WAS THE TRIGGER THAT FIRED OFF THE LAY JUDGE ABNORMAL SERIAL MURDERS.
CLICK
カチ
CLICK
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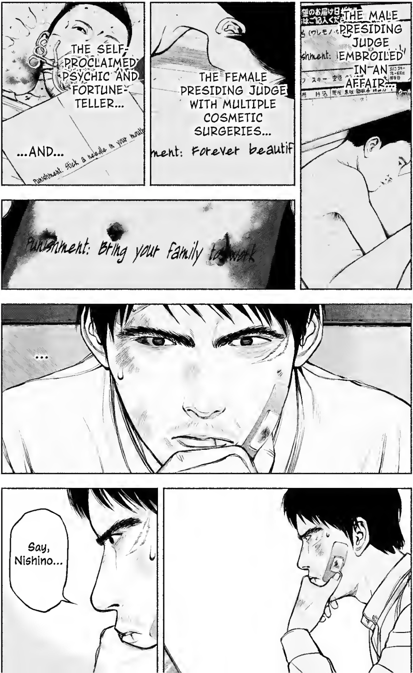
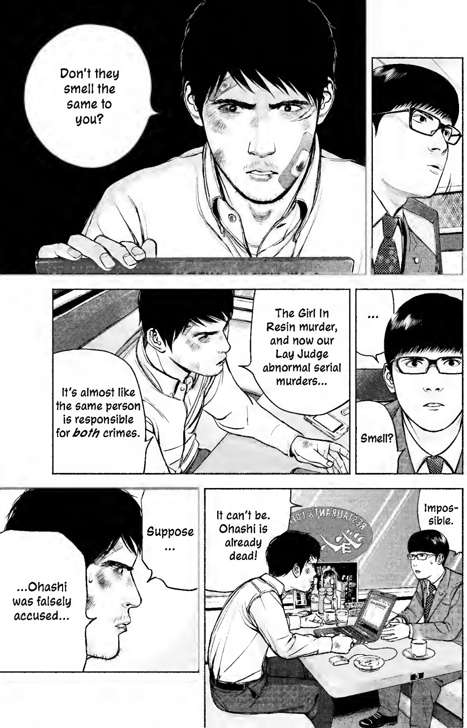
THE DOG LOVER WHO TOSSED OUT HER DOG...
ishment: Dog Food
THE UNEMPLOYED SON LEECHING OFF HIS MOTHER...
ent: Know your
A


THE MALE PRESIDING JUDGE EMBROILED IN AN AFFAIR...
shment:
THE FEMALE PRESIDING JUDGE WITH MULTIPLE COSMETIC SURGERIES...
ment: Forever beautif
THE SELF-PROCLAIMED PSYCHIC AND FORTUNE-TELLER...
...AND...
Punishment: stick a needle in your mouth
Punishment: Bring your family to work
...
Say, Nishino...


Don't they smell the same to you?
...
Smell?
The Girl In Resin murder, and now our Lay Judge abnormal serial murders...
It's almost like the same person is responsible for *both* crimes.
Impossible.
It can't be. Ohashi is already dead!
RESTAURANT & CAFE
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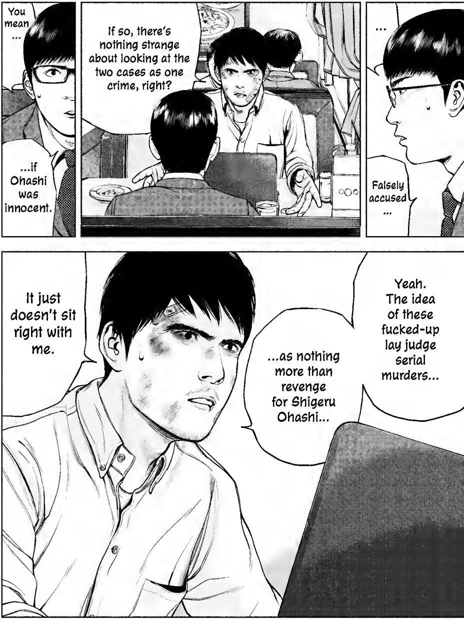
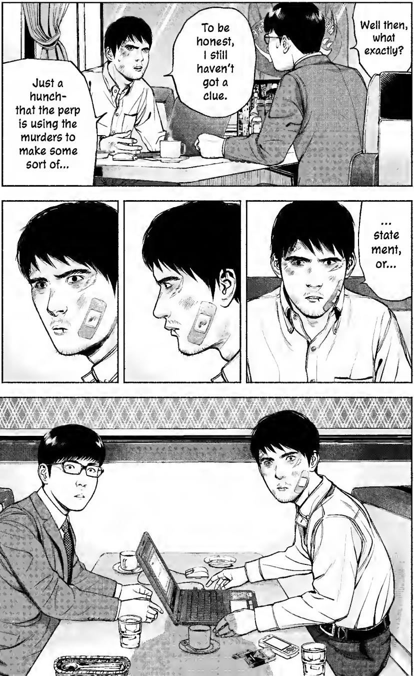
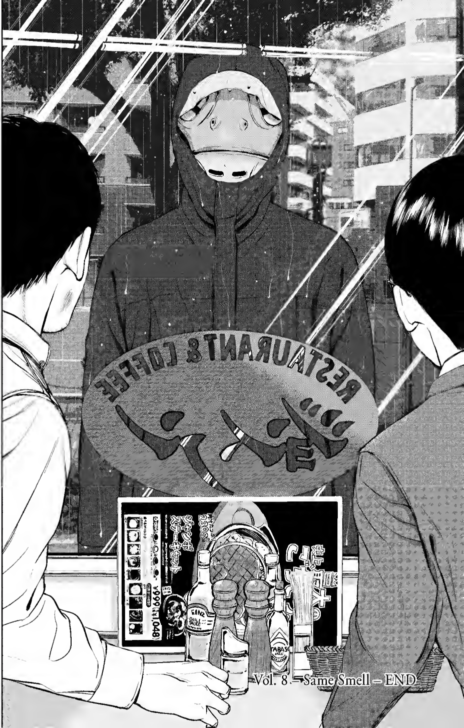
Suppose...
...Ohashi was falsely accused...


...
Falsely accused...
If so, there's nothing strange about looking at the two cases as one crime, right?
You mean...
...if Ohashi was innocent.
Yeah. The idea of these fucked-up lay judge serial murders...
...as nothing more than revenge for Shigeru Ohashi...
It just doesn't sit right with me.


Well then, what exactly?
To be honest, I still haven't got a clue.
Just a hunch- that the perp is using the murders to make some sort of...
... state ment, or...


RESTAURANT & COFFEE
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CHILI SAUCE
TABASCO

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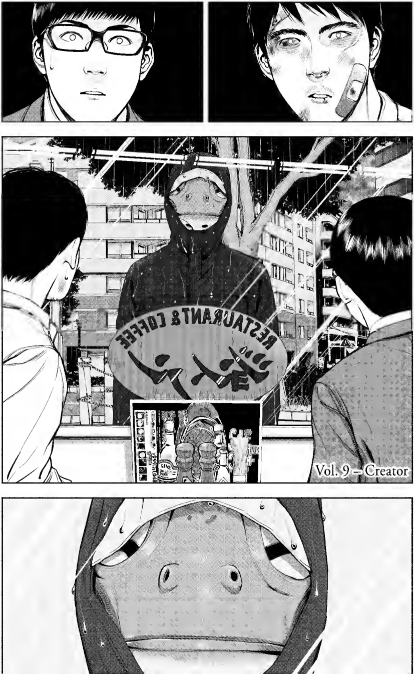

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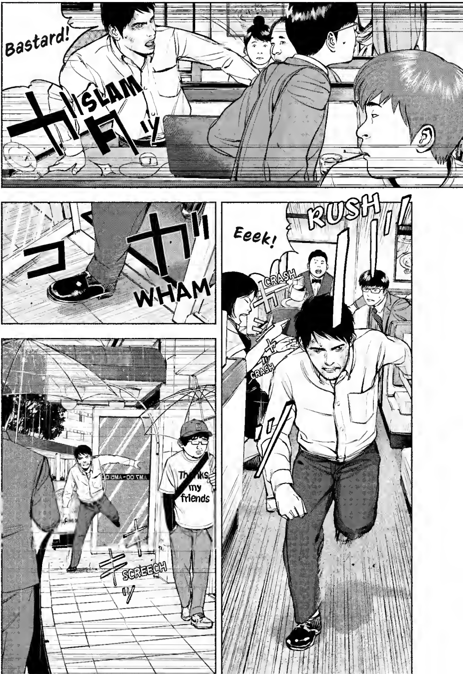
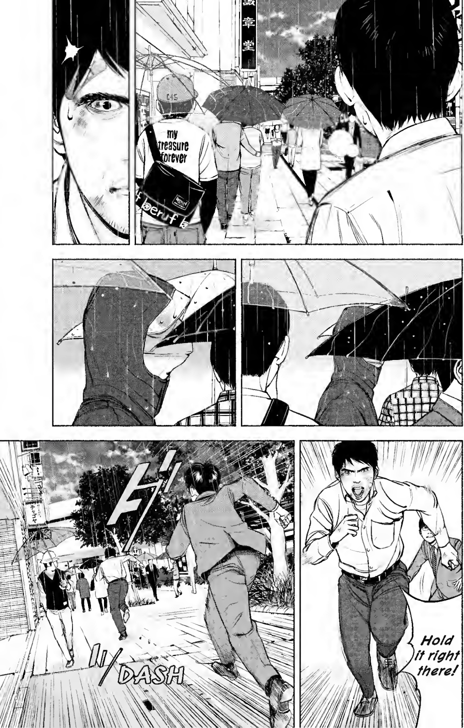
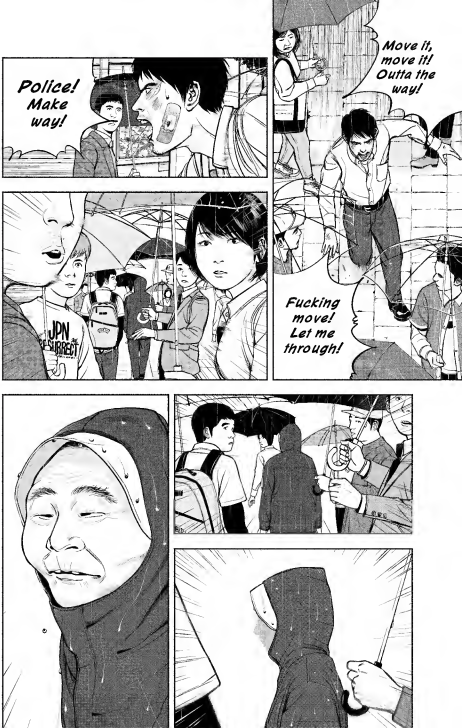
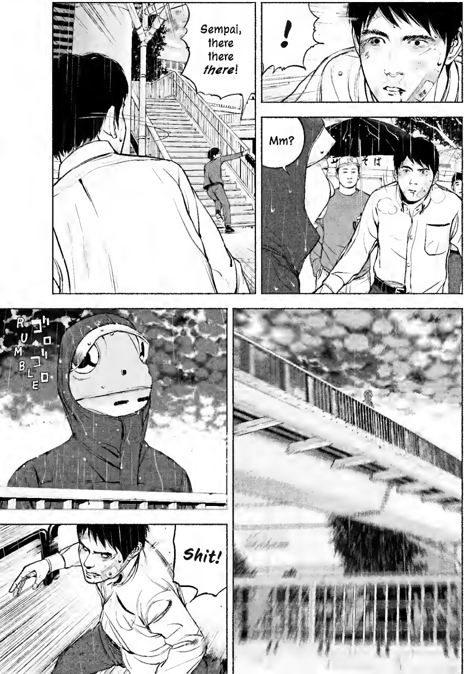
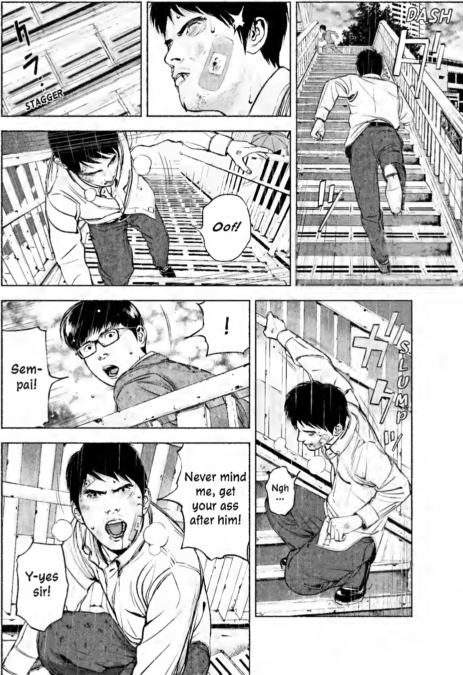
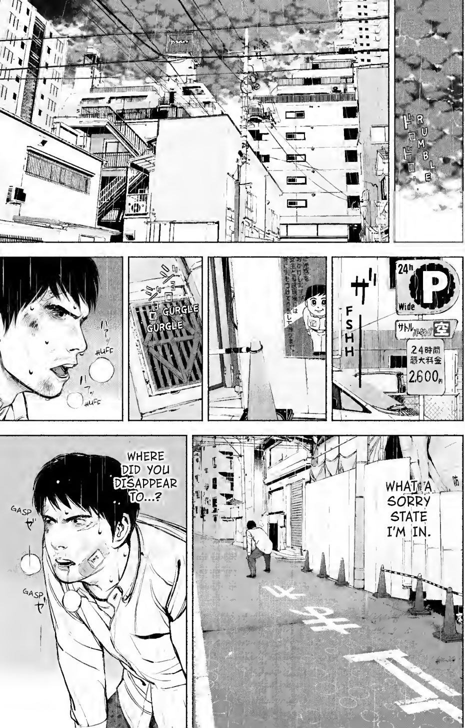

Bastard!
SLAM
Eeek!
RUSH
CRASH
CRASH
WHAM
AM7:00-AM5:0
Thanks my friends
SCREECH


誠章堂
my treasure forever
Hold it right there!
DASH


Move it, move it! Outta the way!
Police! Make way!
Fucking move! Let me through!
JPN RESURRECT


!
Mm?
そば
Sempai, there there *there*!
RUMBLE
ゴロゴロ
Shit!


DASH
STAGGER
Oof!
SLUMP
Ngh...
!
Sem-pai!
Never mind me, get your ass after him!
Y-yes sir!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RUMBLE
24h
P
Wide
サトルパーキング
空
24時間
最大料金
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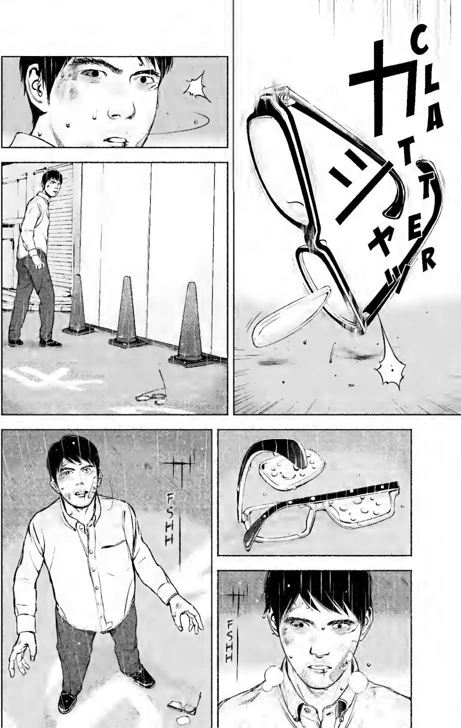
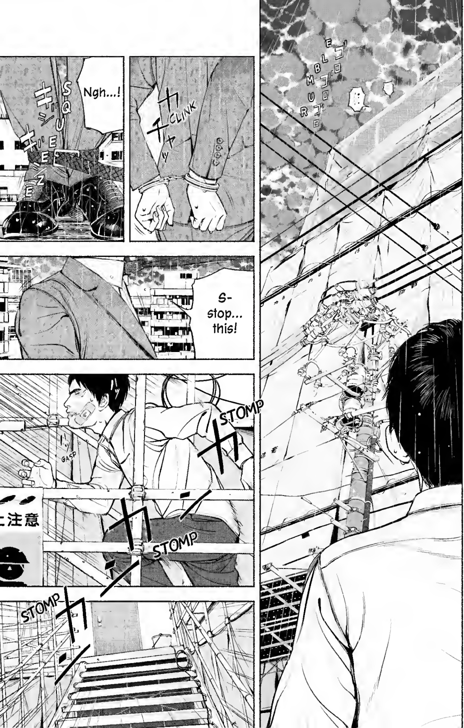
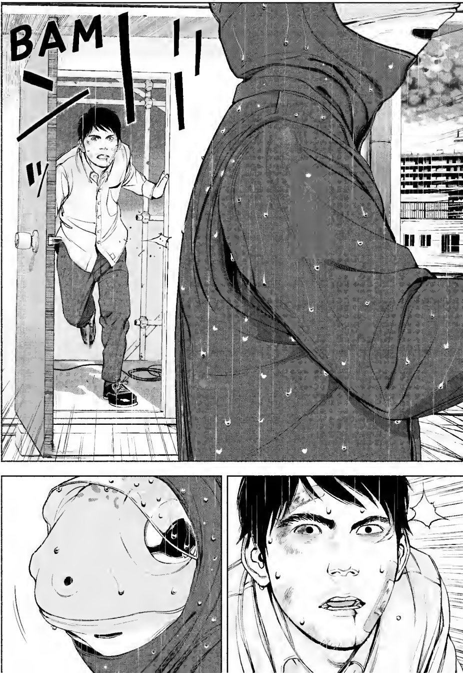
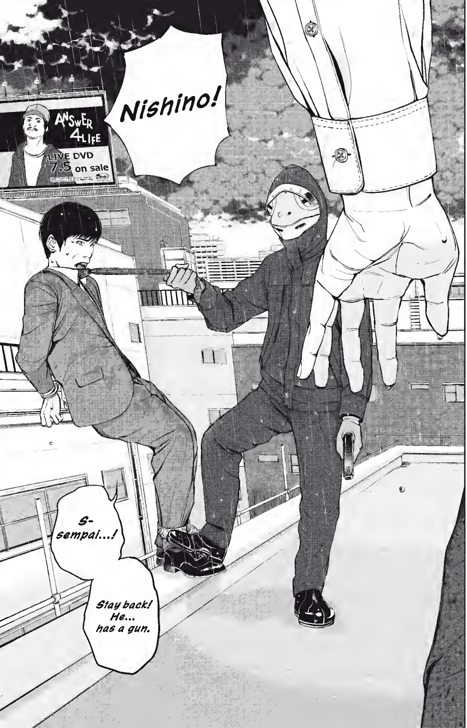
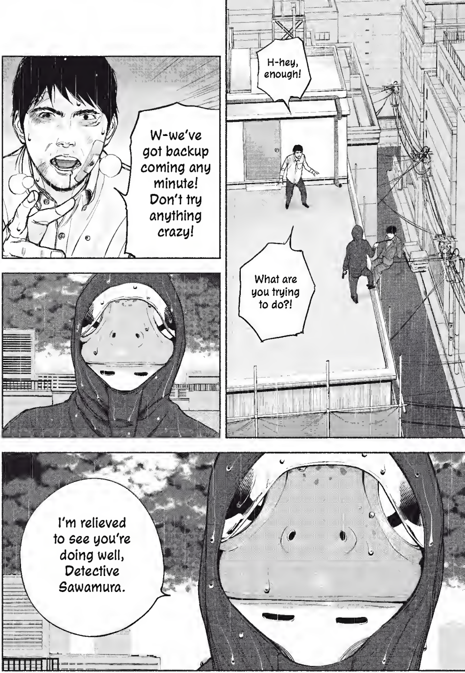
ザ
FSHH
ジョロ
ジョロ
GURGLE
GURGLE
ハァッ
HUFF
ハァッ
HUFF
WHAT A SORRY STATE I'M IN.
防
WHERE DID YOU DISAPPEAR TO...?
ゼ
GASP
ゼ
GASP

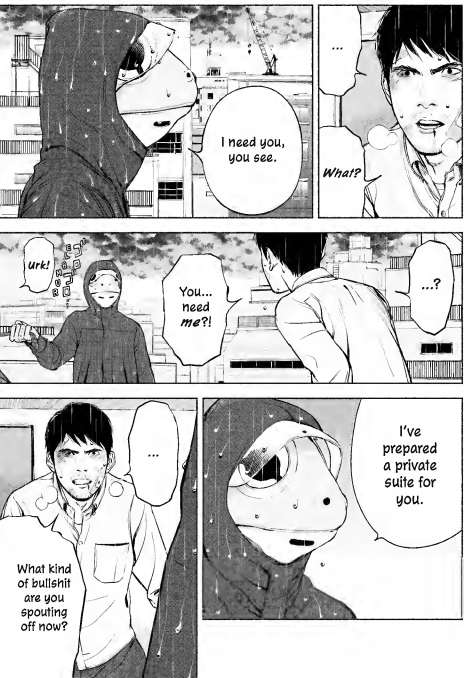

カシャッ
CLATTER
FSHH
FSHH

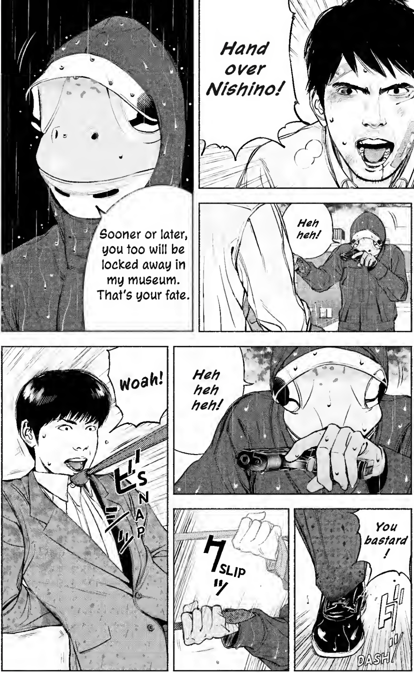

ゴロゴロゴロ
RUMBLE
…!
…
カチャ
CLINK
Ngh…!
ギシギシ
SQUEEZE
S-stop… this!
ハッ
GASP
カン
STOMP
カン
STOMP
カン
STOMP
注意

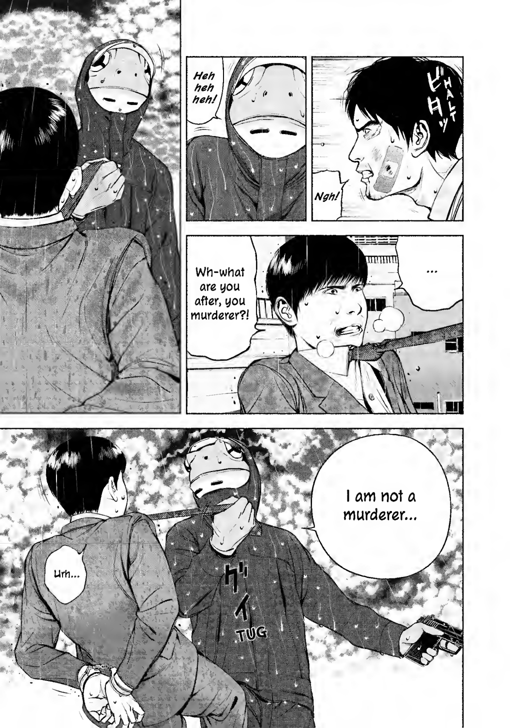

BAM

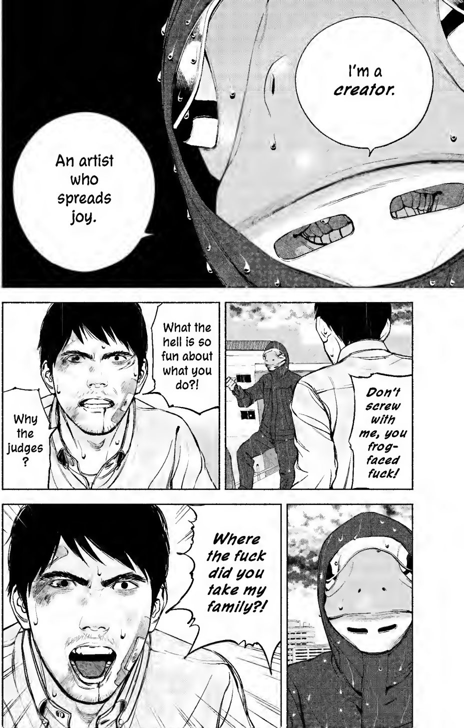

Nishino!
ANSWER 4LIFE
LIVE DVD
7.5 on sale
S- sempai...!
Stay back! He... has a gun.

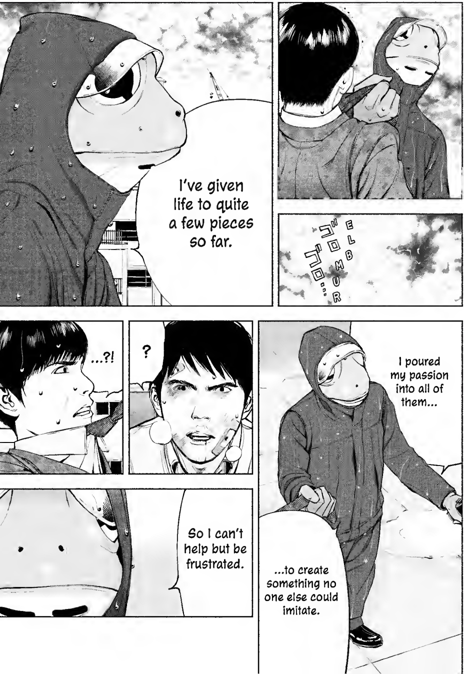

H-hey, enough!
What are you trying to do?!
W-we've got backup coming any minute! Don't try anything crazy!
I'm relieved to see you're doing well, Detective Sawamura.

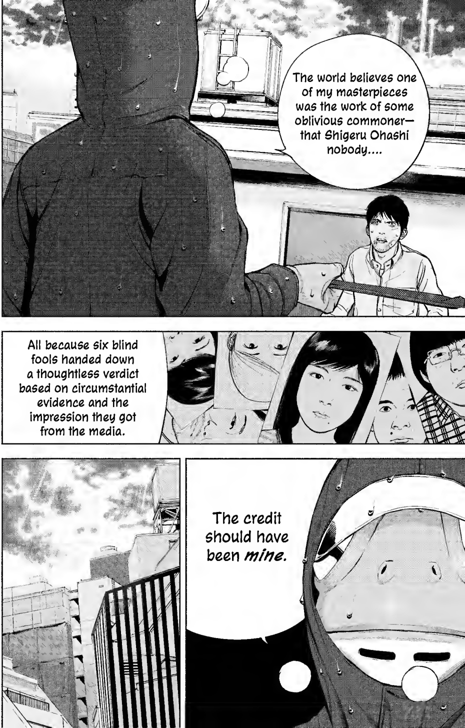

...
What?
I need you, you see.
...?
You... need *me*?!
urk!
RUMBLE
ゴロゴロ…
I've prepared a private suite for you.
...
What kind of bullshit are you spouting off now?

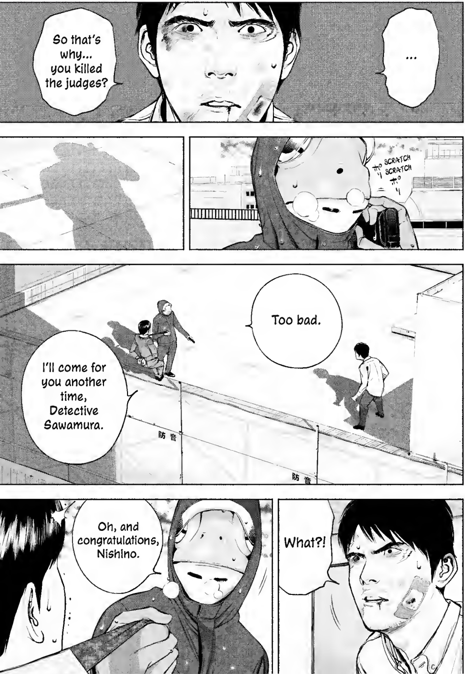

Hand over Nishino!
Sooner or later, you too will be locked away in my museum. That's your fate.
Heh heh!
Heh heh heh!
Woah!
SNAP
SLIP
You bastard!
DASH

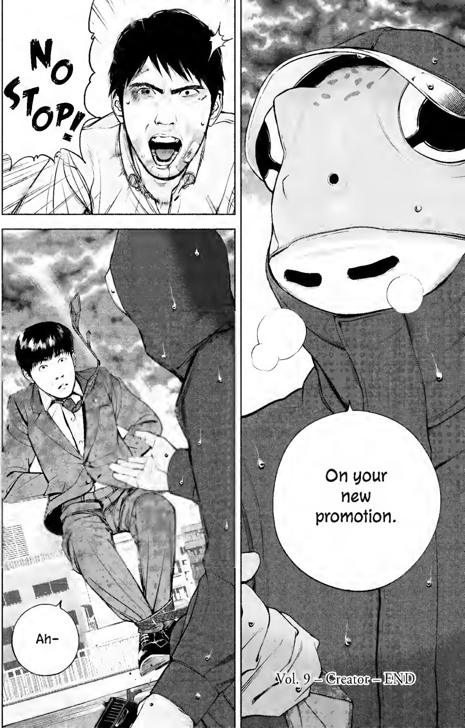

ピタッ
HALT
Ngh!
Heh heh heh!
...
Wh-what are you after, you murderer?!
I am not a murderer...
グイ
TUG
Urh...


I'm a *creator.*
An artist who spreads joy.
Don't screw with me, you frog-faced fuck!
What the hell is so fun about what you do?!
Why the judges?
Where the fuck did you take my family?!


ゴロゴロ…
RUMBLE
I've given life to quite a few pieces so far.
I poured my passion into all of them...
...to create something no one else could imitate.
?
...?!
So I can't help but be frustrated.


The world believes one of my masterpieces was the work of some oblivious commoner—that Shigeru Ohashi nobody....
All because six blind fools handed down a thoughtless verdict based on circumstantial evidence and the impression they got from the media.
The credit should have been *mine.*


...
So that's why... you killed the judges?
SCRATCH SCRATCH
Too bad.
I'll come for you another time, Detective Sawamura.
防音
防音
What?!
Oh, and congratulations, Nishino.


NO STOP!
Ah-
On your new promotion.
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The serial killer is laughing in the rain.

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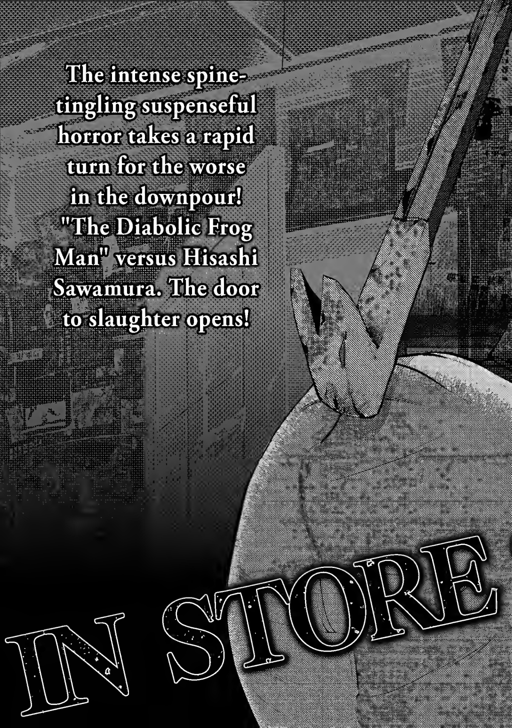

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